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OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

OF THE

PRIMITIVE FAITH;

CONVENED AT

Fisher's Gap Meeting-House,

SURRY COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing on Friday before the 3d Sunday in October 1847, and days following.

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MINUTES.

October 16th, 1847.

The Association convened this day at Fisher's Gap M. H., Surry County, N. C. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John Cheek, from John 4th chap. 42nd verse.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder John Jones.

Thirteen letters were handed in, and minuted.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Rec by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed	Baptized	Deceased	Number	Contributions $	C
Fisher's Gap,	E. Dicken, J Wilson, J. Lowe,	1	1	1	2		11		60
Ararat,	J. Jones, E. Canter, - - -						32	1	00
Swan Creek,	John Cheek, - - - -		1				19		40
Cody's Creek,	M. Nicholson, W. Cockram, C. Tilly, Nathaniel Alberty, - -						28	1	00
Stuart's Creek,	H. Steele, L. D. Murphy, - -	3	3				22	1	00
Deep Creek,	James J. Speer, - - - -				1	3	11		75
State Road,	J. Richardson, L. Philips, I. Dickerson,	1			1		20	1	00
Flower Gap	Fr. McCraw, H. Jones, Wm. Johnson, William Surat, - - -	2			4		28		50
Fisher's River,	J Lufman, W. Slaton, Drury Hodges						18	1	00
Franklin,	Wm Carpenter, D Caudle, A Dickens				3	1	19		40
Round Peak,	J Munkees, W Norman, David Holder								
Mitchel's River	Thomas Nixon, - - - -								60
Flat Shoals,	Letter, but no messenger.						9		
	Total,	7	5	1	11	4	217	8	33

1. Elder John Jones was chosen Moderator for the present Association.

2. Corresponding brethren called for, and took their seats: Elders Wm. Lawson, Armstead A. Ashworth, and brethren J. Stone, D. Conner, J. Cocke and J. Shockly, from New River District Association; brother E. Swaim, from Abott's Creek Union Association. Elder Ashley Swaim, was present, invited, and took a seat with us; brother Samuel Sink from New River, invited, and took his seat.

3. Chose Wm. Lawson, A. A. Ashworth, A. Swaim, and J. Cheek, with the Moderator and Clerk, a select committee to arrange the business of the Association.

4. Chose Wm. Lawson, A. Swaim and A. A. Ashworth, to preach on Sunday.

5. Chose D. Hodges and John Ashburn, a Committee of Finance.

Then adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock. Worship to commence at 9 o'clock on Sunday. Prayer by the Moderator.

The Association met on Saturday the 17th, according to adjournment; after prayer by Elder Wm. Lawson, proceeded to business.

1. The delegates' names called and rules of decorum read.

2. The committee called on, who reported the following business, and were discharged.

3. Called on correspondents appointed to attend sister Associations; who reported and were discharged.

4. To attend to the request of the church at Flower Gap M. H. We appoint the following brethren, viz: Elders Henry Steele, John Cheek and Elijah Ramay, a Presbytery to wait on the church to ordain deacons, and to examine the call and qualifications of Hugh Jones, and if found qualified, to ordain him to administer the ordinances of the gospel.

5. We appoint the following correspondents: to the Mayo, Elder J. Jones, J. Cheek, and brethren Wm. Slaton, J. J. Speer and John Ashburn; to New River, Elders H. Steele, J. Jones, and brethren Hugh Jones, A. Dicken, N. Alberty and Wm. Cockeram; to Abott's Creek, Elders H. Steele, J. Jones, H. Cheek, J. Cheek and brother James J. Speer.

6. Elder John Jones to prepare a circular letter for the next Association.

7. Your committee recommend to the Association, to take into consideration the Resolution of the Missionary Baptist State Convention, to have their society chartered or incorporated by an act of the Legislature; and that the Association appoint a committee to frame a remonstranee against the Resolution.

We, the Association, concur with the committee, and protest against all the proceedings of any church or religious society being chartered or incorporated by the act of the Legislature; for we believe that the religion of Jesus Christ has all necessary protection. We appoint the following brethren, John Jones, James J. Speer, John Cheek and Henry Steele, a committee,

with Wm. Lawson, from New River, and A Swaim. Called in the committee to form a remonstrance against the Missionary Resolution and present to the next Legislature, if necessary.

8. The Committee of Finance reports they received in contributions $8 33.

9. The Clerk is ordered to have 250 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as formerly.

10. This Association agrees to sit twice a year; and that our next Association be held with the church at Round Peak Meeting House, Surry County, N. C., about 12 miles West of Mount Airy, to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1848. Erasmus Canter to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, H. Steele his alternate. Then adjourned by prayer by Elder A. Swaim.

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

HENRY STEELE, *Clerk.*

The brethren appointed to preach on Sunday addressed a large congregation; they preached the gospel of our salvation, sowing the seed of life, in Christ Jesus. We hope it will take root in the hearts of those who heard it, and grow up to eternal life, and the fruits be seen many days hence, to the glory of God.

Ordained Preachers of the Fisher's River Association:

John Jones, John Check, Henry Steele, Erasmus Canter, Elijah Ramay, Pleasant B. Cockeram and Henderson Check.

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OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

Ararat Meeting House, Surry County, North Carolina,

Friday October 19th, 1855.

The introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Claibourne Plaster, from 2d Timothy 3d chap. 16th verse: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

After a short recess the Association convened in the house. Letters from the different churches were handed forward and minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES NAMES.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
Flower Gap,	F. McCraw, H. Jones,	$1.00
Franklin,	F. B. Riggan, A. Gentry, S. L. Fulks,	.72
Flat Shoal,	J. W. Hicks, R. Southern,	1.00
Fisher's River,	D. Hodges,	1.00
Stuart's Creek,	R. D. R. Moss,	1.00
Deep Creek,	J. Tate, J. Hill, P. Shermer, A. Laky,	1.40
Ararat,	J. Jones, E. Canter, J. Ashburn, D. Freeman,	1.15
Roundpeak,	James Galycan,	.62½
Codies Creek,	N. Albeny,	.50
State Road,	A letter but no Delegate,	.25
Fisher's Gap & Swan Creek,	Not represented,	
Total,		8.62½

Correspondents were then called for, whereupon Elders G. W. McNeely, R. W. Hill, J. Hill and S. Arrington from Mayo, with the minutes of their Association; Elders A. J. Cassel, S. J. Lackey, C. Plaster and Bro. Wm. Moran from New River Association, with the minutes of said Association; Elder A. Peacock and Bros. F. Trogden and C. Welch from Abbot's Creek, all certified their appointments and took seats with us.—Bros. C. Deheart from New River, E. Shields, M. Smith and I. Moore from Abbot's Creek; S. Flint, J. Flippin and B. Atkinson from Mayo, were invited and took seats with us.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, when Elder John Jones was chosen Moderator and Samh. L. Fulks Clerk.

Elders G. W. McNeely, A. J. Cassel and S. J. Lackey, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a select committee to arrange the business of the present Association.

Elders A. J. Cassell, G. W. McNeely and R. W. Hill were appointed to preach on Sunday, and Elders S. J. Lackey, C. Plaster and A. Peacock to preach on Saturday.

Bros. D. Hodges and A. Lakey were appointed a committee of finance.

The circular letter was then called for, and Elder Canter gave satisfactory reason for not having prepared one.

After appointing 9 o'clock to-morrow and 10 o'clock on Sunday as the hours at which worship was to commence, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, Oct. 20th, 1855.

Association met according to adjournment and after singing and prayer the roll of Delegates was called and rules of decorum read.

The Report of the Committee on Business was called for and read as follows, after which the Committee was discharged.

1st. Reports of correspondents to Sister Associations.

The Correspondents severally reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

2nd. Appointments of correspondents to Sister Associations.

The Association then proceeded to make the following appointments:

To Mayo, Elders J. Jones, N. Alberty, and H. Jones, and brother J. Ashburn.

To Abbot's Creek, Elders J. Jones, H. Jones, and N. Alberty, and brother's, S. L. Fulks and J. Ashburn.

To New River, Elders J. Jones, H. Jones and N. Alburty and brother's F. McCraw, J. Ashburn and S. L. Fulks.

3rd. Report of Committee on Finance. Committee reported their receipts at 8.62½.

4th. Consideration of the request of Flat-Shoal Church for a Presbytery to attend said Church. In accordance with which Elders, J. Jones, E. Canter. N. Alberty and H. Jones, were appointed to attend said Church.

5th. Consideration of the request of Flower-Gap Church for a Presbytery to ordain a deacon. In accordance with which Elders, J. Jones, H. Jones, N. Alberty, E. Canter and Elijah Ramey, were appointed for that purpose.

6th. Appointment of a person to prepare the Circular Letter for the next Association. Samuel L. Fulks, was then appointed for that duty.

7th. Printing of the Minutes. Resolved, that 300 copies be printed and distributed as usual.

8th. Appointment of place for the next meeting of the Association.—Whereupon it was resolved to hold the next Association at Codies Creek M. H., Surry County, N. C., seven miles southwest of Dobson on Friday before the first Sunday in August next.

9th. Elder E. Canter was appointed to preach the introductory sermon and in case of his failure, E. Ramey.

The Association then adjourned to meet at the time and place agreed upon.

JOHN JONES, Moderator.

Samuel L. Fulks, *Clerk.*

According to appointment Elder S. J. Lackey preached on Saturday from 2nd Corzinthians 1st chap. and 10th verse, "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver us, in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us." Elder C. Plaster followed and preached from Ephesians 2nd chap. 4th and 5th verses, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ; by grace ye are saved." Elder A. Peacock concluded with a sermon from Isaiah 27th chap. 13th verse, "And it shall come to pass in that day that the great trumpet shall be blown," &c.

On Sunday Elder A. J. Cassell preached from Isaiah 61st chap. 1st verse, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek." The audience was large and attentive. Elder G. W. McNeely followed from Solomon's Songs 2nd chap. 14th verse, "O my dove that art in the cliffs of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me hear thy voice, for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." Elder R. W. Hill concluded the services in a sermon from Rev. 2nd chap. and 10th verse, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." We have great reason to believe the word was preached in much faithfulness and hope the Lord will add a blessing.

JOHN JONES, Moderator.

Samuel L. Fulks, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER BABTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED AT

CODY'S CREEK M. H., SURRY COUNTY, N. C.,

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1856.

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1*st*. The Introductory sermon was preached at the stand by Elder E. CANTER, from Eph. 2 chap. 10 v. "For we are his workmanship, &c."

2*d*. The Association then convened in the house, and, after prayer by Elder D, CONNER, Letters from the different Churches were handed forward and minuted, as follows:

Churches.	*Delegates.*	*No. of Members.*	*Contributions.*
Ararat,	Elders J. Jones and E. Canter, brethren E. Denny and R. R. Jones,	36	1.55
Fisher's River,	D. Hodges,	14	1.00
Cody's Creek,	Elder N. Alberty, M. Nicholson and Jas. Snow,	25	1.00
Fisher's Gap,	Elder E Ramey,	8	46
Franklin,	S. L. Fulks, F. B. R. Riggin,	16	40
Deep Creek,	A. B. Laky,	20	1.50
Stuart's Creek,	R. D. R. Moss,	24	1.37½
Round Peak,	J. Galyean,	15	172.5
State Road,	J. McKaughan,	13	50
Flower Gap,	Elder H. Jones,		50
Flat Shoal & Swan Creek	Not represented, Received of Elder J. Jones,		50
			$9.45

3*d*. Called for Correspondents; whereupon Elders D. Conner and C. Plaster, and brother W. Moran, from New River, with file of Minutes, came forward and took seats with us.

4*th*. Chose Elder John Jones Moderator, and Samuel L. Fulks Clerk.

5*th*. Appointed Elders E. Canter, E. Ramey, D. Conner, C. Plaster and W. Moran, with the Moderator and Clerk, a select committee to arrange the business of the Association.

6*th*. Chose Elders D. Conner, C. Plaster, and M. Moran, to preach on Sunday, and Elders E. Ramey, J. Jones and H. Jones, to occupy the stand on to-morrow.

7*th*. Appointed brethren D. Hodges and A. B. Laky, a committee of Finance.

8*th*. Called for the Circular, which was handed forward and referred to the committee.

9*th*. Agreed that worship commence on Saturday and Sunday, at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned till Saturday 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY August 2.

Met according to adjournment; and, after prayer by W. Moran, proceeded to business, as follows:

1*st*. Called on the committee to report. The report was received and the committee discharged.

2*d*. Called on correspondents to Sister Associations.—Reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

3*d*. Called on the Presbytery appointed to Flat Shoal Church: whereupon the same Presbytery was appointed.

6*th*. Attended to the request of Flower Gap Church; whereupon Elders J. Jones, E. Canter, H. Jones, E. Ramey and N. Alberty were appointed.

5*th*. Appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations, as follows:

1*st*. To NEW RIVER.—Elders J. Jones E. Ramey, N. Alberty and H. Jones; and brethren A. B. Laky, R. D. R. Moss, S. L. Fulks and J. Galyean.

2*d*. To MAYO.—Elders J. Jones, N. Alberty and H. Jones; and brethren R. D. R. Moss, S. L. Fulks, R. R. Jones, and A. B. Laky.

3*d*. To ABBOT'S CREEK.—The former appointments continued.

6*th*. The Circular Letter was read and ordered to be annexed to the Minutes.

7*th*. The Committee of Finance report that they received $9.45.

8*th*. Resolved, that we have 300 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as usual.

9th. Resolved, that our next Association be held at Fisher's River M. H., Surry Co., N. C., 4 miles N. E. of Dobson, to commence on the Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1857.

10th. Resolved, that Elder E. Ramey, preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder H. Jones be his alternate.

Whereupon adjourned to meet at the time and place agreed upon.

JOHN JONES, MODERATOR.

S. L. FULKS, *Clerk.*

Agreebly to appointment the stand was occupied on Saturday, as follows: Elder H. Jones preached from 1st Peter, ch. 2, and part of the 6th verse: "Wherefore also it is contained in scripture, behold I lay in Zion, &c."

Elder E. Ramey followed from Rev. 18 ch. and part of the 4th verse: "Come out of her, &c."

Elder J. Jones concluded from ch. 1, v. 21: "And she shall bring forth a son, &c."

SUNDAY, August 3.

On Sunday met a large and attentive audience.

Brother W. Moran commenced the services of the day, from these words: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit, &c."

Elder D. Conner followed from the 105th Psalm, 1st v. "O give thanks unto the Lord, &c."

Elder C. Plaster followed from 1st Cor. ch. 1: v. 20; "Where is the wise, &c."

Elder J. Jones concluded from "All flesh is as grass, and the glory of man is as the flower of grass."

CIRCULAR.

To the Brethren and Sisters of the Fisher's River Association, and all the true and faithful in Christ.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—In obedience to the request of our last Association, we will, by the help of God, address you from Paul's letter to the Romans, 6th ch. and 23d v.: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In the first place we will notice the promises of God to man; for God is not slack concerning his promises. And what has he said that man should receive for the violation of his law, but death. And this sure and steadfast law was given thus: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayst freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it: For in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Now observe what kind of a death was here spoken of. It could not have been a natural death—for according to the Scripture, he lived many years after; neither could it be an eternal death, for after he had eaten of the forbidden fruit the Lord clothed him with a garment of his own making, which represents the garment of salvation which man could not make, as our righteousness is nothing but filthy rags. What kind of a death then did Adam die when he transgressed the commandment of God? It was the death spoken of by the Apostle when he said: "But God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins;" so it appears that the christian had been dead in sin and the strength of sin is the Law; but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Then it must have been in the eye of law that Adam died when he ate the forbidden fruit. Hence it became necessary that we should be redeemed from under the curse of the law, because the law could only give the wages it had promised, and they that offend in one point are guilty of all. We also learn that by the disobedience of one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; so death passed upon all, for that all have sinned. So we find that man has wandered from God, and become dead to anything that is good: hence it is properly said he is dead in trespass and in sin, and according to Arminian doctrine, the wages of good works is life,—not eternal life,—but as long as the good works continue: but the text says, the gift of God

is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Now when we come to examine the gift of God, in some places they are spoken of in the plural as though they were many; for we learn that every good and perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of light: but here it is in the singular, which shows that the gift here spoken of is greater than all other gifts, for without it we could not enjoy any other gift. Dear Brethren, how is this gift bestowed upon us? If we had purchased it by any of our good works it could not be called a gift and we would have had something whereof to glory, but not before God. No Brethren, it was when we were in a waste-howling wilderness, wandering from God, that he called us and shewed us the necessity of this gift: and not only so, but led about and instructed us; for he saith, "I will lead the blind by a way they know not and in paths they have not trod;" and in speaking of his bride, he saith, "I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness and there will I speak comfortably unto her." And if God so loved the world as to give up his own Son, the darling of his bosom, to suffer, bleed and die for us shall he not with him freely give us all things?

Here is this gift again spoken of, and whenever his blessings are named at all, it is a gift and not a purchase. Even when it speaks of us loving God, it is because he first loved us. But how does the gift of eternal life come through Christ? We find that man has sinned, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin: so justice calls for the sinner's blood. And even if he was to consent to die it could not justify him in the sight of God; for Paul the Apostle saith, "If I was to bestow all my goods on the poor or give my body to be burned without charity, it would profit me nothing" But this blessed Saviour, who had never sinned, consented to die the death of the cross and shed his precious blood for the remission of our sins. Even when we were dead in sins; for he was made sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Hence it is that the gift of eternal life comes through the merits of Jesus Christ. And again he hath delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son, and ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power; and he hath blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way nailing it to his cross. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins and in him is no sin:

It cost him death to save our lives;
To buy our souls it cost his own!
And all the peace any joys he gives,
Were purchased by his dying groans.

Dear Brethren, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; for Jesus said ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you; and ye shall be mine, saith the Lord, in that day when I make up my jewels. Then, dear brethren, let us endeavor to bear each others burthen and love one another with a pure heart fervently; for love is the fulfilling of the law, and they that love him will keep his commandments.—And may the Lord enable us, by his grace, to live with a conscience void of offence towards God and man.

O that the Lord would guide our ways,
To keep his statutes still;
O that our God would grant us grace,
To know and do his will.

But, Brethren, we may look for persecution and trials, for our Saviour said "if they do these things in the green tree what will they do in the dry." But again he said: "Blessed are ye when men shall persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake; rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven.

Bless'd are the sufferers who partake,
Of pain and shame for Jesus sake;
Their souls shall triumph in the Lord,
Peace and joy are their reward.

Dear Brerhren, let us endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and not give heed to seducing spirits, but earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints; and may the Lord preserve us by his grace and at last receive us into heaven where we shall praise him forever; for dying love and redeeming grace is the prayer of your unworthy servant. Farewell.

SAM'L L. FULKS.

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OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

Fisher's River Baptist Meeting House,

COMMENCING

On Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept'r, 1857.

WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA:
J. W. & JOHN H. CALDWELL, PRINTERS.
1857.

PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder R. W. Hill, from Acts the 13th Chapter, 32nd and 33rd Verses:—"And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promises that were made unto the fathers God has fulfilled the same unto us their children in that he hath raised up Jesus. Again, as it is also written in the second Psalm, thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee."

The Association then convened in the house, and after prayer by Elder A. J. Cassell, letters from the different Churches were handed forward and minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	No of Members.	Contributions.
Flat School,	James George, J. Hicks, R. Southern,	13	$1,00
Ararat,	J. Jones, E. Canter, E. Denney, J. Ashburn,	39	1,00
Round Peak,	James Galyen,		72½
Stuart's Creek	R. D. R. Moss,	18	1,25
Flower Gap,	H. Jones, F. McCraw,	28	1,00
Cady's Creek,	N. Alberty, M. Pilson, M. Nichelson,		1,00
Fisher's River,	J. Luffman, D. Hodges, Thos. Nations,		1,00
State Road,	J. McKaughan,		60
Deep Creek,	A. B. Lakey,	20	1.00
Franklin,			10
Fisher's Gap,	Not represented		
Swan Creek,	" "		
			$9.27½

Then called for correspondents, whereupon Elders R. W. Hill and Levi Bodenhamer, from the Mayo District, certified their appointments and took seats with us; and Elders A. J. Cassell and D. Conor, from New River District, with a file of minutes, certifying their appointments, took seats with us.

The Association then proceeded to appoint Elder John Jones Moderator and Samuel L. Fulks, Clerk.

Then made choice of Elders A. J. Cassell, Daniel Conor and R. W. Hill, a select Committee, with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange the business of the present Association.

Then chose Elders D. Conor, J. Jones and E. Canter to occupy the stand on to-morrow, and Elders A. J. Cassell, R. W. Hill and L. Bodenhamer to preach on Sunday.

Then chose brethren D. Hodges and E. Denny a Committee of finance.

Then adjourned till Saturday, 9 o'clock.

Met on Saturday according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder D. Conor, called for Delegate's names, and read the rules of decorum.

On motion, the Committee reported the following business and was discharged :

1st. To call on correspondents to report; who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

2nd. To call on Presbyteries to report; who reported satisfactorily and were discharged, and the same Presbyteries reappointed, viz: Elders J. Jones, H. Jones, E. Canter and N. Alberty to Flat School ; and Elders J. Jones, E. Canter, H. Jones, E. Ramey and N. Alberty to Flower Gap.

3rd. To appoint correspondents to sister Associations, which was done as follows :—To Mayo—Elders J. Jones, E. Canter, H. Jones and N. Alberty, and brethren J. Ashburn, S. L. Fulks, Russel Jones and A. B. Laky; To Smith River, formerly New River District—Elders J. Jones, N. Alberty and H. Jones, and brethren S. L. Fulks, A. B. Laky, M. Pilson and J. Ashburn; and to Abbott's Creek—Elders J. Jones, N. Alberty, H. Jones and Br. A. B. Laky.

Elder Hugh Jones was then appointed to write a Circular Letter for our next Association.

Our next Association to be held at Flat School Meeting House, Stokes County, North Carolina, five miles South West of Danberry, on Friday before 4th Sunday in September next. Elder H. Jones to preach the introductory sermon. In case of failure, Elder N. Alberty.

Elder N. Alberty and J. McKaughan were then appointed to enquire into the cause why the Swan Creek Church has not been represented in the Association.

The Committee of finance was then called on to report, who reported that they received $9,27½ cents.

Resolved, That it be inserted in these minutes, that Henry Steele has been excluded from the Stuart's Creek Church, and is not in fellowship with this Association.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the citizens of this neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality.

Resolved, That we have three hundred copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

And then adjourned to time and place.

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

SAMUEL L. FULKS, *Clerk.*

The stand was occupied on Saturday as follows: 1st. Elder

E. Canter preached from Eph. 2nd Chap. 10th Verse—"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained, that we should walk in them."

Elder D. Conor followed from 2nd Corinthians, 4th Chap. 7th Verse: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us."

Elder R. W. Hill concluded from 1st Timothy, 1st Chapter 18th, 19th and 20th verses: "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that by them mightest war a good warfare," &c.

Sunday met a large and orderly congregation. Elder A. J. Cassell preached from Eph. 3rd Chap. 8th Verse: "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Elder L. Bodenhamer followed from Jeremiah, 6th Chap. 16th Verse: "Thus saith the Lord start in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls; but they said we will not walk therein."

Elder R. W. Hill concluded from 1st Corrin. 15th Chap. 24th Verse: "Then cometh the end when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father, when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power."

We believe the word was preached in much faithfulness, and hope the Lord will add a blessing.

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

SAMUEL L. FULKS, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

Fisher's River Baptist Association,

HELD AT FLAT SHOAL MEETING-HOUSE, STOKES COUNTY, N. C., September 24th, 1858, and days following.

PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Nathan Alberty, from Isaiah, 62nd Chapter, 11th verse, "Behold the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh; behold his reward is with him, and his work before him."

The association then convened in the house and after prayer by Elder R. W. Hill, letters from the different churches were handed forward and minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptised.....	Rec'd by letter	Restored.....	Dis. by letter..	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Number	Contributions..
Stuart's Creek,	R. D. R. Moss, Wm. L. Minter,	1	1					20	$1 10
Fisher's River,	D. Hodges,								1 05
Cody's Creek,	Elder Nathan Alberty, Moses Pilson,	2	1		3		1	24	1 00
Flat Shoal,	J. Hicks, James George,						1	10	1 00
Round Peak,	James Gayfen,						2	13	1 00
State Road,	Jesse McKaughan,								50
Deep Creek,	John Tate, A. B. Lakey,							20	1 50
Arrarat,	Elder John Jones, E. Denny, W.F.Trogden,						5		1 00
Flower Gap,	Elder Hugh Jones,								95
Franklin,	A. Dicken, C. Gentry,	6		2		1		19	1 10
Tom's Creek,	Jesse A. Flippen, C. Fares,								1 00
Fisher's Gap,	Not represented.								
Swan Creek,	"								11 20

Then called for correspondents; whereupon Elder R. W. Hill and brother Duke Price, from Mayo district, and brethren Samuel Craven and George Beech from Abbott's Creek Union, and Elders S. J. Lacky, A. J. Cassell and brother Giles Martin from Smith River Association, all gave evidence of their appointments, and took seats with us. Then brethren Samuel W. Fultin, Thos. S. Ring, from Mayo, being present, were invited and took seats with us.

Letter from Tom's Creek church read, and their Messengers by petition were received into this Association by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Then chose Elder John Jones Moderator, and Moses Pilson Clerk.—Then made choice of Elders A. J. Cassell, S. J. Lacky, N. Alberty, with the Moderator and Clerk a committee to arrange the business of the Association. Then chose brethren D. Hodges and A. B. Lakey, a committee of finance. Then made choice of Elders Hugh Jones, N. Alberty, and Giles Martin, to preach on to-morrow, and elders R. W. Hill, A. J. Cassell, and S. J. Lacky to preach on Sunday. Then adjourned till Saturday, 9 o'clock,

Met on Saturday according to adjournment, and after prayer by S. J. Lacky, the Messengers names were called and rules of decorum, read. On motion, the committee reported the following business and was discharged.

1st. Called on Correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report. Those who attended gave satisfactory evidence, those who did not were excused.

2nd. Called on presbytery appointed to Flat Shoal, to report: they did not attend said request, their apologies were received and were excused. The presbytery attended at Flower Gap, and ordained brother Francis McCraw to the office of Deacon. The committee appointed to Swan Creek church, reported that the cause why they have not represented themselves in the Association, was that they had no pastor; that they wished to continue a member of the Association, and hope they will in future.

3d. Appointed correspondents to sister associations, which was done as follows: To Mayo, Elders J. Jones, H. Jones, N. Alberty, and brethren Edmond Denney, and Charles Faris. To Smith River, Elders John Jones, Nathan Alberty, Hugh Joues, and brethren, Wm. L. Minter, Jesse A. Flippen, R. D. R. Moss, and Samuel Adams. To Abbott's Creek, Elders J. Joues, H. Jones, N. Alberty, and brethren Edmond Denney, and A. B. Lakey.

4th. Called for the Circular Letter, which was prepared by Elder Hugh Jones. Read and received, and ordered to be annexed to our minutes; and elder Nathan Alberty to prepare the next.

5th. Our next Association to be held at Deep Creek church, Yadkin County, N. Carolina, two miles north of East Bend, to commence Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1859. Elder John Jones to preach the introductory sermon, in case of failure Elder E. Carter.

The committee of finance was then called upon to report; who reported that they received from the churches eleven dollars and 20 cts. Agreed that we have three hundred copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual. The Association then adjourned to the time and place appointed.

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

MOSES PILSON, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY MORNING.

The brethren appointed to preach met a large congregation, and Elder S. J. Lacky opened the services of the day from St. John, the 8th chapter, 36th verse. "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Elder A. J. Cassell followed from Isaiah 9th chapter and 6th verse: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders," &c. R. W. Hill closed from Isaiah 53d chapter and 1st verse: "Who hath believed our report and to whom is the hand of the Lord reached?" We believe the word was preached with much faithfulness and we hope the Lord will add a blessing.

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

MOSES PILSON, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

As it has become a custom to have a circular annexed to our minutes, and there being an appointment by our last Association a performance will be looked for. We therefore call the attention of the different churches to first Corinthians 9th ch., 13th and 14th verses: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Now brethren, there is a diversity of opinions on the subject now before us; and we see that the systems of the day undertake to prove justification from Paul's writing, it therefore is needful that these things be examined and weighed with the word of God, and that which is wrong disannull, and that which is right aprobate and establish. Now to give a short explanation of the first verse of our text, we must examine the law God gave to Moses, and remained throughout the law dispensation. Now the priests were the ministers that waited at the altar.—We will refer you to Ezekiel 44th ch. 29th and 30th verses: "They shall eat the meat offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs; and the first of all the first fruits of all things and every oblation of all of every sort of your oblations shall be the priests. Ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough that he may cause the blessing to rest in thy house." Here we see some of the duties under the law; and while the children of Israel were subject to the law, they were blest; and no nation could overcome them. But alas! we find they grew disobedient and God complained that both priest and prophet profained the temple; that covetousness that leads many astray, led them to judge for hire and divine for money and the free will offering ceased, and the curse came instead of the blessing, and they were delivered in the hands of their enemies, there to be scourged for their sins. Yet God had true prophets that he spoke through, to give the warning, tho' they did not heed. Now brethren, we have

taken a short travel on the first part of our text; let us examine the second verse: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." In entering into the gospel era we find that all the burnt offering and sacrifices never made the comers thereto perfect nor clean as pertaining to the conscience; but Christ by his one offering has established a new covenant that is of grace. He gave soul for soul, and body for body. Hence by his one offering he has perfected his saints and his government is a perfect government; his subjects are made willing in the day of his power to give their all to God, both soul and body, as a sacrifice offered unto God through Christ, who cleanseth them by the shedding of his blood, which pertaineth to the cleansing of the conscience. And when this is done, they are brought in subjection to his commands. Hence we live by faith, that is the spiritual life. Those that are created anew in Christ, the new man, live on spiritual things, but the old man which is the body or in a figure the temple where the offerings are contained, live of the substances of nature which Paul was pointing out in our text as a duty of them who are reconciled unto God through Christ to offer up free will offerings to the necessity of saints which is the fruits of righteousness; and by so doing bear one another's burdens; and so fulfill the law of Christ. Now Paul set forth these things very plain in writing to different churches. We see in writing to the Corinthians, "who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk thereof, say I these things as a man or saith not the law the same also, for it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn," and goes on to say "if we have ministered to your spiritual things, it is a great thing if we reap of your carnal things." Much might be said on this subject, but a word to the wise is enough. Now Paul was not writing these things for gain, but to set forth the ordinances of the Lord that the man of God might be thoroughly furnished to all good works. But are these things lawfully used in our age of the world? We see great additions by new institutions not being satisfied with the law of Christ, have established institutions of their own, whereby they get gain and make merchandise of the gospel whereby many are led into their pernicious ways. Let primitive Christians take heed and beware to hold up the true light, and though they be surrounded by enemies they need not fear. Brethren we have great reason to thank God there are true Watchmen who stand fast to the truth and make the gospel without charge, let it be through cold or heat, poverty or distress. Come life or death, they count all as loss for Christ. So dear brethren let us be united as one in Christ, looking unto him as our guide through life and be faithful until death, and a crown of life is your reward.

HUGH JONES.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Fisher's River Baptist Association,

CONVENED AT

TOM'S CREEK CHURCH,

SURRY COUNTY, N. C.,

September 21st, 1860, and days following.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. SAMUEL J LACKY, from Hebrews 10th chapt., 39th verse: But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

After prayer by Elder Joshua Adams, letters from the following churches were handed forward and minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Rec. by E. & B.	Rec. by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Restored.	Excluded	Deceased.	Total Num.	Contrib'ns
Fisher's River,	Tho. Nations, D. Hodges, T. Bolt,							18	1 05
Franklin,	T. J. Lawson, A. Gentry*, F. Riggan, and Calvin Gentry,							16	90
State Road,	Letter, no delegate,								35
Deep Creek,	J. Hall,* P. Shermer, J. Tate, A. B. Lakey,	2						22	1 50
Ararat,	Elders J. Jones, E. Canter, and br. E. Denny, & J. Whitaker,	1	2					35	1 00
Cody's Creek,	Eld. N. Alberty, M. Nicholson, J. Bane,* Moses Pilson,	2						28	1 00
Fisher's Gap,	Jesse Williams,*							6	1 10
Flat Shoal,	James Hicks, James George,							15	70
Tom's Creek,	S. Adams, C. Fares, J. A. Flippen			2				20	1 20
Steward's Creek,	W. L. Minter, J. Davis, M M Moss							24	1 10
Flower Gap,	Eld. H. Jones, F. McCraw, J. Edwards,*		2					22	65
Round Peak,	B. F. Scott,* James Galyean,							13	90
Swan Creek,	Not represented.								
	Absentees' names marked thus (*)								11 45
	In the Clerk's hands, - - - -								91
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	Paid for printing these Minutes, -								7 00
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Then called for correspondents: From Mayo, Elders R. W. Hill, Samuel Arrington, and br. David Hall. From Smith's River, Elders Joshua Adams, A. J Cassel, S. J. Lacky, and Claibourn Plasters. From New River, Elder Wm. Lawson and brother A. Qussenbury,—asked for correspondence and were received.

Visiting brethren invited: when brethren Coleman Jenkins, Z. Gladwell, J. Shepherd, Isham Barnet, from Mayo; and Elder James Thompson, (a visiting preacher from New River,) being present, were invited, and all took their seats with us.

Then chose Elder JOHN JONES, *Moderator*, and MOSES PILSON, *Clerk*.

Then chose Elders Wm. Lawson, A. J. Cassel and Nathan Alberty, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of this Association.

Then chose Elders Wm. Lawson, C. Plasters, and S. J. Lacky, to preach on to-morrow, (Saturday,) worship to commence at 9 o'clock; and Elder Joshua Adams, A. J. Cassel and R W. Hill to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

Then appointed brethren Wm. L. Minter and Drewry Hodges, a Committee of Finance.

Then adjourned in order.

Met on Saturday according to adjournment.

And after prayer by Elder S. J. Lacky, the Messengers' names were called, marked the absentees, and read the rules of decorum.

The committee made their report; the same being received, they were discharged.

The business of the Association was disposed of as follows:

1st. Called on correspondents to sister Associations to report, which was done, and they were discharged.

2nd. Called on Presbytery to report, who reported that they attended Tom's Creek Church and ordained brother Charles Fares to the office of Deacon; and also attended to the request of Cody's Creek church, and ordained brother Moses Pilson to the office of Deacon; and did not attend State Road on account of the death of brother McKaughan. The presbytery still continued to Steward's Creek Church.

3rd. Appointed correspondents to our sister Associations: To Mayo, Elders John Jones, Hugh Jones, N. Alberty, and br. James Hicks. To Smith's River, Elders John Jones, Hugh Jones, Nathan Alberty, and brethren Tyre Bolt, Jesse A. Flippen and Samuel Adams. To Abbott's Creek Union, Elders John Jones, H.Jones, N. Alberty and br. A. B. Lakey. To New River, Elders John Jones, Hugh Jones, and brethren Francis McCraw and Tyre Bolt.

4th. Called for the Circular Letter, which was prepared by Elder John Jones, read and received, and ordered to be annexed to our Minutes. Then appointed Elder Eremas Canter to prepare the next Circular Letter.

5th. Called on the Committee of Finance to report, who reported the present contribution from the churches to be $11 45, and in the hands of the Clerk 91 cents, making in all $12 36.

6th. Agreed that our next Association be held at Franklin Church Meeting-House, 10 miles West of Dobson; and Elder Hugh Jones to preach the introductory sermon; and in case of failure, Elder Nathan Alberty.

7th. Then agreed that the Clerk have 350 copies of these Minutes printed, and that he distribute them as usual.

Then adjourned in order.

SATURDAY the stand was occupied as follows: Eld. Wm. Lawson opened the services of the day from Ephesians 2nd chapt, 4th verse: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us." Elder Claibourn Plasters followed from Isaiah 42nd chapt., and part of the 11th verse: "Let the inhabitants of the rock sing; let them shout from the top of the mountains." Then Elder S. J. Lacky followed from Revelations 20th chapter, 6th verse: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." Elder R. W. Hill concluded from Esther 6th chapt., 8th verse: "Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head."

SUNDAY.—Met a large and orderly congregation. Elder A. J. Cassel opened the services of the day from Isaiah 35 chapt., and 5th verse: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped." Elder Joshua Adams followed from 1st Peter, 2nd chapt., and 4th verse: "To whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious." Elder R. W. Hill concluded from the 2nd Epistle to Timothy, 1st chapt., and from the 1st to the 12th verse: "Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy my dearly beloved son, grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank my God whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers, night and day," &c.

We believe the word was preached in much faithfulness, and hope the Lord will add a blessing.

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

MOSES PILSON, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Beloved brethren of the Fisher's River District, and to all whom it may concern:

As you expect a circular, according to appointment, we address you as a people called unto obedience; and there are many things which we should be in obedience to. Our attention should be particularly engaged in seeing. It is our indispensable duty and reasonable service, which is produced from a principle of love; and if we are in reality in possession of the principle, we will show the fruit more or less by our conduct

And now, dear brethren, if we say we love God and hate our brother, we are liars and the truth is not in us; there is no evidence that we love God; the tree is to be known by the fruit, and if the fruit is bitter we know the tree is not good; for, make the tree good, and the fruit will be good. When we take a view of the many strange and false ways that are advocated and approbated, we are constrained to say that obedience and duty, yes, judgment and mercy is passed over; and because iniquity hath abounded, the love of many has waxed cold; for disobedience is the sign of the times, both in a civil and a religious service: for, when men professing to be the preachers of God and declare that the day of inspiration is passed by long since, my fears are they are strangers to love for God or his cause, and to rebel against God and his government, is more convenient for them; and yet we believe it more convenient for us to make all things according to the pattern shown in the mount, and contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, in obedience to the command of the Lord.

Now, brethren, mark them that cause divisions contrary to the law, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but reprove them. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but will heap to themselves teachers, and shall turn their ears away from the truth, and turn them to fables. And when this is the case, they strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. Dear brethren, we should be faithful to live in discharge of duty, and forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; and the more so, as you see the day approaching, we should not count that gain is godliness, but that godliness with contentment is great gain, having the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come; and to you that love and long for his appearing shall he appear the second time, without sin unto salvation.

And my dear brethren, what a glorious meeting that will be to them that love and long his appearing; but on the other hand, oh the dreadful consequences of those who have been guilty of perverting the way of God! Dear brethren, it appears to me that numbers who profess to be the worshippers of God, and not a few who profess to preach the gospel, take pleasure in unrighteousness, in perverting instead of preaching the gospel. I feel solemn to think of their awful doom.

Dear brethren, let us endeavor to live to and for the Lord, and bear each others burdens, and so fulfil the law of God. Have love for one another, live in the fear and love of the Lord, and may the grace of God be with you and abound. Farewell. JOHN JONES.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED AT

FISHER'S GAP MEETING HOUSE,

SURRY COUNTY, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1865, and days following.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel J. Lacky, from II Peter, 1st chapter and 5th verse: "And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge."

After prayer by the Moderator, letters from the different churches were handed forward and minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Ex.	Rec'd by let.	Dis. by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total number.	Contributions.
Ararat,	Elder John Jones, E. Denty, Jno. Ashburn, J. Whitaker.*	4					2	33	$ 80
Franklin,	Alfred Gentry, F. B. Riggan, Elder T. J. Lawson, C. Gentry.							17	55
State Road,	J. P. Woodruff, S. Young.							10	70
Stewart's Creek,	Wm. Griffith, M. M. Moss, J. Davis.*							24	1 00
Round Peak,	Daniel Barker, Wm. Gates.							13	50
Cody's Creek,	H. Moseley,* J. Bone,* M. Pilson.	1					1	32	1 00
Fisher's River,	T. Nations,* A. Bledsoe,* D. Hodges.							18	40
Flower Gap,	Eld. H. Jones, J. Edwards,* F. M. McCraw.						1	22	72
Fisher's Gap,	Jesse Williams, James Low.							6	70
Toms' Creek,	S. G. Adams,* B. Adkinson, P. Conner.					1	1	22	1 00
Deep Creek,	J. Hall,* Peter Shermer, A. B. Lakey.	4						25	1 25
Swan Creek,	Not represented.								

Absentees marked thus *.

Then called for correspondents, when Elder Samuel J. Lacky from Smith's River, and from Mayo, Brothers A. M. Moss and Pryor May, with a file of Minutes, came forward and all took seats with us. Also received a file of Minutes from the Kehukee Association, and a file of Minutes from the Little River District Association. Then chose Elder John Jones *Moderator* and Moses Pilson *Clerk*. Then chose Elders S. J. Lacky, H. Jones, T. J. Lawson, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee to arrange the business of this Association. Then chose Elders John

Jones, S. J. Lacky, T. J. Lawson, to preach on Sunday; worship to commence at 9 o'clock; and Elders H. Jones and A. M. Moss to preach on Saturday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Then appointed Brethren F. M. McCraw and D. Hodges a committee of finance; then adjourned.

Met on Saturday according to adjournment and after prayer by the Moderator the messenger's names were called, marked the absentees and read the rules of decorum; the committee made their report, the same being received they were discharged. The business of the Association was then disposed of as follows:

1st. Called on correspondents to sister Associations to report, which was done and they were discharged.

2nd. Called on the Presbytery appointed to Flower Gap to report, who reported that they attended to the request of Flower Gap church and ordained Brother Isaac Edwards to the ordinances of the gospel; then appointed a Presbytery of Elders John Jones, Hugh Jones and Thomas J. Lawson to attend to a request of Round Peak church to ordain Brother J. Thomas, if found qualified.

3rd. Appointed correspondents to sister associations; to Mayo, Elder John Jones, B. Adkinson, Peter Conner, John Ashburn, M. M. Moss, Wm. Griffin; to Smith's River, Elder J. Jones, B. Adkersen, T. J. Lawson; Edmond Denny; to Abbott's Creek Union, Elders John Jones, A. B. Lakey; to New River, Elder John Jones, John Ashburn, F. M. McCraw; then agreed that we correspond with Kehukee, Tar River and the Little River Associations by minutes.

4th. Called for the circular letter; none produced; then appointed Elder John Jones to prepare the next circular letter.

5th. Called for the Committee of Finance to report; who reported that they received from the churches seven dollars and twenty-five cents in specie and one dollar and twenty-five cents in greenbacks; the Clerk has received since the Association convened twenty-five cents from Deep Creek church, making in all eight dollars and thirty-seven cents in specie value.

6th. Agreed that our next Association be held at Round Peak, fifteen miles north of Dobson, to commence Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1866, Elder Hugh Jones to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, Elder Nathan Alberty.

7th. Agreed that the Clerk have 300 copies of these minutes printed and that he distribute them as usual.

Then adjourned in order.

Saturday the stand was occupied as follows: Brother A. M. Moss opened the services of the day from Acts 10th chapter, 42nd and 43rd verses: "And He commanded us to preach unto the people," &c. Elder H. Jones concluded from Ezekiel 1st chapter, 15th and 16th verses: "Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces, &c."

Sunday, met a large and orderly congregation. Elder S. J. Lacky opened the services of the day from St. John 7th chapter, 37th verse: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying: if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." Elder T. J. Lawson followed from Revelations 21st chapter, 6th verse: "And he said unto me it is done—I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end; I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." Elder John Jones concluded from Isaiah 60th chapter and part of the 20th verse: "For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

Moses Price, *Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CONVENED AT

ARARAT MEETING HOUSE,

SURRY COUNTY, N. C.

April 10th, 1868.

WINSTON, N. C.:
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The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. S. Ring, from Acts 7th chapter and 34th verse: "I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and have heard their groanings, and am come down to deliver them." And after prayer by Elder William Moran, letters from the following churches were handed forward and read, and their Messengers names enrolled as follows:

Stewart's Creek.—Joseph Davis,* William Grifin.*

Fisher's River.—D. Hodges.* Arthur Bledsoe.

Flower Gap.—Elders Hugh Jones, Isaac Edwards,* and brethren F. M. McCraw, Isaac Vernon.

Fisher's Gap—Jesse Williams.*

Round Peak.—B. F. Scott, James C. Galyean.

Volunteer.—James George, P. W. Lawrance, F. M. Venable.

Tom's Creek.—Elders Wm. Moran, Alexander Moran, and brethren H. Cain, Joseph Adkerson,* Samuel G. Adams, Peter Conner.*

Cody's Creek.—Elder Nathan Alberty, and brethren Micajah Nicholson, Moses Pilson.

Franklin.—Elder Thomas J. Lawson, and brethren A. Gentry, H. Maze, F. B. Riggan, Calvin Gentry.

Ararat.—Elder John Jones, E. Denny, F. B. Stone, Joel Fulks.

State Road.—Not represented.

Then called for correspondence. When from Mayo, Elder Thomas S. Ring, and Brethren Calvin Blackburn, Benjamin Sprinkle and John Lowlance, were invited and took seats with us. Then chose Elder John Jones, Moderator, and Moses Pilson Clerk. Then chose Elder T. S. Ring, Wm. Moran, Calvin Blackburn, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of this Association. Then chose Elder John Jones, C Blackburn, E. Cain, to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock; and Elders T. S. Ring, Wm. Moran and Alexander Moran, to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock; adjourned.

Met on Saturday according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Thomas S. Ring, the Messengers' names

were called, and the rules of decorum read, the committee then made their report, the same being received, they were discharged, the business of the Association was then disposed of as follows: 1st, Called on the Presbytery appointed to Tom's Creek Church to report, which reported that they attended at Volunteer and constituted it a Church, and also set apart brethren James, George and P. W. Lawrance to the office of Deacon, and also called on the Presbytery appointed to request of Ararat Church to report, which reported that they did not attend. The same Presbytery to be continued.

2nd, The request of Fisher's Gap Church, was laid before the Association, which concluded to keep up the Spring and Fall Associations both. Agreed that our next Association be held at Volunteer Meeting House in Stokes county, N. C., 4 miles north-east of the Pilot Mountain to commence Friday before the 4th Sunday in October next, and Elder Wm. Moran to preach the introductory sermon and in case of failure, Elder Alexander Moran.

Saturday the stand was occupied as follows: Brother H. Cain opened the services of the day from these words "I have loved thee with an everlasting love," Elder H. Jones followed from Jude, 1st Chapter and 12th verse, Elder N. Alberty closed from 2nd Timothy, 4th Chapter and 2nd verse. Preach the word, &c.

Sunday the Brethren appointed to preach to-day met a large congregation, Elder Wm. Moran opened the services of the day from 2nd Timothy, 3rd Chapter, 16th and 17th verses, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God," and Elder Thomas S. Ring followed from Luke, 15th Chapter and 20th verse, and Elder Alexander Moran closed from Isaiah, 55th Chapter and 1st verse. "Ho every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters," &c.

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

MOSES PILSON, *Clerk.*

MINUTES OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION, CONVENED AT VOLUNTEER MEETING HOUSE, STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 23, 1868.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John Vass, from Songs of Solomon, 6th Chapter, 10th verse. "Who is she that looketh forth in the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners." And after prayer by Elder Samuel J. Lacky, letters from the following Churches were handed forward and read and minuted as follows :

Churches.	Messengers' Names.	Baptised.	Rec. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Contribution.
Deep Creek,	A. B. Lackey, John Hall,* Peter Shemer,	2				22	1 60
Volunter,	J. George, D. Boyles, P. W. Lawrance,					30	.50
Franklin,	Elder T. J. Lawson, A. Genry,* H. Maze,* Calvin Gentry,*	3				30	.15
Fisher's Gap,	Jesse Williams,*					5	
Tom's Creek,	Elders Wm. Moran, A. Moran and brethren S. G. Adams, H. Cain, J. E. Adkerson,	13	4	3	2	90	2.00
Flower Gap,	Elder H. Jones, F. M. McCraw, Isaac Vernon, W. M. Standliff,*					20	70
Fisher's River,	D. Hodges, A. Bledsoe,* H. Cave,	1				12	1 25
Ararat,	Elder John Jones, E. Canter,* G. Denny, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny,	1		1		63	1.95
Stewart's Creek	Joseph Davis,* Wm. Griffin,					16	50
Round Peak,	James C. Galyean,* B. F. Scott,*						
Cody's Creek,	Elder N. Alberty, H. Wood, M. Pilson,	3		2		29	1.00
State Road,	Not Represented. Absentees Marked*					19	
							10.65

Restored.—Deep Creek, 1.

Then called for correspondents, when from Mayo, Elders R. W. Hill, T. S. Ring, Samuel Arrington and Brethren Calvin Blackburn, L. H. Southern, Pryor May, T. M. Pucket, James A. Leek. Smith's River Elders, S. J. Lackey, C. Plaster. J. M. Blancet. New River Elders, John Vass and George Quesenbury and Brethren John Moran from Smith's River, and John Lawrance from Mayo being present were invited and all took seats with

us and received a file of Minutes from each. Little River Kehukee and County line Associations then chose Elder John Jones, Moderator and Moses Pilson; then chose Elder R. W. Hill, S. J. Lacky, J. M. Blancet with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee to arrange the business of this Association, then chose Elders Plaster, Ring and Arrington to preach on Saturday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock and Elders Hill, Lacky and Blancet to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Then appointed Brethren M. G. Harbour and A. M. Denny a committee of finance, then called for the circular letter which was produced by Elder T. J. Lawson and refered to the committee, then adjourned.

Met on Saturday according to adjournment, and after Prayer by Elder R. W. Hill, the Messengers' names were called, marked the absentees and read the rules of decorum. The committee then made their report, the same being received, they were discharged. The business of the Association was then disposed of as follows :

1st, Called on correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report, which reported satisfactorily, and were discharged.

2nd, Called on Presbytery appointed to Ararat to report, which reported that they attended and set apart Brethren Edmond Denny and F. Stone to the office of Deacon.

3rd, Appointed a Presbytery of Elders, John Jones, H. Jones, N. Alberty, Wm. Moran, A. Moran to attend to the request of Tom's Creek Church to ordain Brother H. Cain to the ministry if found qualified.

4th. Called on the committee of finance to report, which reported the present contribution to be $10,65 cents and found in the Clerk's hands eight dollars and twenty-five cents, as he could not get the last years Minutes printed, making $18,90 cents, and the Association agreed to allow the Clerk $4 for his services leaving $14,90 cents.

5th, The Circular Letter was read and received, and ordered to be annexed to our Minutes, and Elder Wm. Moran appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

6th. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations to

Mayo, John Jones, Nathan Alberty, Wm. Moran, A. Moran, A. B. Lacky. New River, John Jones, H. Jones, Wm. Moran, A. Moran, Joseph E. Adkerson, S. G. Adams, Henderson Cain. Smith's River, John Jones, H. Jones, Wm. Moran, Alex. Moran. Nathan Alberty, Samuel G. Adams, Joseph E. Adkerson, Henderson Cain. Abbott's Creek, John Jones, N. Alberty, T. J. Lawson. Agreed that we correspond with Little River and Kehukee Associations by Minutes.

7th, Agreed that our next Association be held at Cody's Creek Meeting House, Surry County, North Carolina, seven miles south west of Dobson, to commence Friday before the 2nd Sunday in April, 1869, and Elder Alexander Moran to preach the introductory sermon, in case of failure, Elder John Jones, and the Fall Association to be held at Fisher's River Church, 4 miles north-east of Dobson, to commence Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1869.

8th, Agreed that the Clerk have 400 copies of Minutes printed, and also agreed that the Churches write the amount of their contribution money in their letters to the Association, and receive Minutes according to what they pay.

Saturday the stand was occupied as follows: Elder T. S. Ring opened the services of the day from Jeremiah, 22d Chapter, 26th verse. "O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Elder C. Plaster followed from Revelations, 21st Chapter, and part of the 9th verse. "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife." Elder S. Arrington closed from Isaiah, 28th Chapter, and part of the 16th verse. "Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone a tried stone."

Sunday the Brethren appointed to preach to-day met a large congregation, J. M. Blancet opened the services of the day from Ezekiel, 37th Chapter, and 1st verse. "The hand of the Lord is upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones." Elder R. W. Hill followed from Luke, 2nd Chapter, 14th verse. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Elder S. J. Lacky closed from John, 7th Chapter, 37th verse. "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink."

JOHN JONES, *Moderator.*

MOSES PILSON, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren and Sisters that compose the Fisher's River Baptist Association, and the Associations with whom she cor-

responds. As I was appointed by your delegates to write a Circular Letter to be annexed to our Minutes, if approved by the Association, we will proceed to the task if the Lord's will. Dear Brethren, we find that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Great has been the opposition which the Church of Christ has had to encounter in past ages, and perhaps will be still greater for many ages to come, the enemies of the cross are many, some are professors, some are not; and yet, their strength is concentrated in opposition to way of truth. Dear Brethren, though there be Lord's many and God's many, but unto us one true and living God, one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. Let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, "for without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Dear Brethren, we find that the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, and Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness to every one that believes. So we find also that sin is the trangression of the law of God, and whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin, and the wages of sin is death. So we find that man has ruined himself by sin and rebellion against God: Ye have sold yourselves for naught and ye shall be redeemed without money. Oh Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in me is thine help, sayeth the Lord.—Though man has ruined himself, yet God has devised means whereby his banished should not be expelled from him. Dear Brethren, remember the time when you said give us help from trouble for vain is the help of man. All we like sheep have gone astray. but the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it can not save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear. Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ, he can hear his children's cry in the valley of the shadow of death, and in the wilderness, and in a solitary way, for I sayeth the Lord have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee: so he brings them by a way that they knew not, he leads them in paths that they have not known, he makes darkness light before them, and crooked things straight; these things will I do unto them and not forsake them. So we find that when we were strangers to God and the right way, God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loves us, while we wandered in trespass and in sins, hath laid help upon one that is mighty and able to save to the utmost all that come unto God by and through him. That is Christ, for he says, I am the

door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved, so we find their is no other way whereby we can be saved but by and through him; and when we were killed to the love of sin we come to the end of the law, then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble they could not deliver their selves, but the Lord delivered them out of their distresses and he lead them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation whose maker and builder is God. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. So, Dear Brethren, we find that they are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God and are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. Dear Brethren, let us try to examine ourselves to see whether we have any well grounded hope that we are the inhabitants of the rock, for he says, let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountain. So, Dear Brethren, let us try to live in peace though there is much confusion in the land and among other denominations; let us look for the old paths and try to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace; let us try to be united as the Church of Christ, and live in union together as Brethren and Sisters should live; let us pray that the Lord would enable us to live in peace in the Church and State and in the United States; for Christ is not divided, for he is the head of all things to the Church, and ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God, and when Christ who is our life shall appear then shall ye also appear with him in glory. There the wicked will cease to trouble and there the weary will be at rest. So, Dear Brethren, let us seek to enter into that rest, for there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God, and I hope ere long to meet you in that world of bliss. So, Dear Brethren, farewell,

THOMAS J. LAWSON.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED AT

Stewart's Creek Church,

Surry County, N. C.,

APRIL THE 10TH, 1874.

MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

"SURRY VISITOR" JOB PRINT,

1874.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder T. S. Ring, from Isaiah, 6th chapter, and 1st verse: "In the year that King Uzziah died." And after prayer by Elder John Moran, letters fr. m the following Churches were handed in and read and Minuted as follows. Then received a newly constituted Church, by the name of Elk Spur, with letter and Delegates, by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship:

Flower Gap.—Elder Hugh Jones and brethren F. M. McCraw, Henry Hawks, James Hawks and Orvel Hawks.

White Oak Spring.—P. Detherage, H. Shelton and Irvin Sutphin.

Fisher's Gap.—Wm. Golden, G. Brannock,* Jacob Lowe* and Joel Williams.

Franklin.—Elder T. J. Lawson, and brethren A. C. Woodruff and C. Gentry.

Toms Creek.—Elders A. Moran,* H. Cain, J. E. Atkinson* and John Moran.

Volunteer.—James George, D. Boyles and P. A. Lawson.*

Round Peak.—B. W. Flippen, J. C. Galyen and D. Barker.

Elk Spur.—Levi Edwards, John Ayers and Andrew Hawks.

Rock Spring.—Not represented.

Fisher's River—Wm. T. Lewis, Henry Cave* and B. F. Wood.

Ararat.—Elders John Jones, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny, Gabrial Denny* and brother C. B. Denny.

State Road.—Not represented.

Cody's Creek—Elder N. Alberty,* and brethren Henry J. Wood,* Isaiah Whitaker and Moses Pilson.

Stewart's Creek.—Elders Wm. B. Gates, J. D. Draughn, Thomas Brinkley, S. W. Gill and H. Herring.*

Deep Creek.—Not represented.

(Absentees marked thus *)

Then called for Correspondents, when from Mayo Elders Samuel Arrington, M. D. Hill, T. S. Ring and brother Benjamin Sprinkle, and from New River, Elder Thomas Dickens and brethren George Quessenbury and G. J. Gardner, came forward and took seats with us; brother Calvin Blackburn from Mayo, and bro. Jonas Boyd from New River, as visitors, were invited to seats.

Then chose Elder Hugh Jones Moderator, and Elder J. D. Draughn Clerk, and Elder W. B. Gates assistant Clerk, the former clerk being absent.

Then chose Elders Thomas Dickens, M. D. Hill, Lemual Arrington, with the Moderator and Clerks, a committee to arrange the business of this Association.

Then chose Elders T. S. Ring, S. Arrington and John Moran to preach on Saturday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock. Made choice of Elders Thos. Dickens, M. D. Hill and T. J. Lawson to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned.

Met on Saturday according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Thomas Dickens, the Messengers names were called, absentees marked, rules of decorum read. The Committee then made their report, the same being received, they were discharged. The business of the Association was then disposed of as follows:

1st, Called on the Presbytery appointed to attend at Stewart's Creek Church to report, which reported that they attended, and examined brother J. D. Draughn, and considered him orthodox, and set him apart to the work of the Ministry.

2nd, Called on the Presbytery appointed to attend to the request of Franklin Church to report, which reported that they did not attend, and the same Presbytery was reappointed to continue the appointment.

3rd, Appointed a Presbytery of Elders, including all our public brethren, to attend at Flower Gap Church for the purpose of Ordaining a Deacon.

4th, Agreed that Elder T. J. Lawson preach the Introductory Sermon at Ararat Church at our Fall Association, and in case of failure, Elder Isaac Edwards.

Saturday the stand was occupied as follows: Elder S. Arrington opened the services of the day from Judges, 13th chap. and part of the 2nd verse: "And no razor shall come upon his beard," and Elder Moran followed from Matthew, 2nd chap. and 6th verse: "And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah," and Elder T. S. Ring closed from John, 5th chap. and 25th verse: "Verily, Verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God."

S A B B A T H .

The brethren appointed to preach to-day met a large congregation. Elder Thomas Dickens opened the services of the day from Matthew, 1st chap. and 21st verse: "And she shall bring forth a son," and Elder M. D. Hill followed from Proverbs, 30th chap. and 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th verses: "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer," and Elder T. J. Lawson closed from Hosea, 2nd chap. and 14th verse: "Therefore behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably to her."

MOSES PILSON, *Clerk.* *HUGH JONES,* *Moderator.*

Minutes of the same Association,

CONVENED AT ARARAT CHURCH, SURRY COUNTY, N. C., OCTOBER 23rd, 1874.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Levi I. Bodenhamer, from Gallatians, 3rd chap. and 20th verse: "Now a Mediator is not a Mediator of one, but God is one." And after prayer by Elder R. W. Hill, letters from the different Churches were handed forward, read and Minuted as follows:

Then chose Elder John Jones Moderator, and Moses pilson Clerk and Elder A. M Denny Assistant Clerk. Then called for Correspondents, when, from Mayo; Elders R. W. Hill, T. S. King, M. D. Hill, and brethren B. Sprinkle. Y. B. Davis, Franklin Redmon; from New River, Elder Isaac Webb and bro. Abner Gardner, Smith's River, Elder Claiborne Plaster and bro. John S. Hall; Abbott's Creek Union, Elder Levi I. Bodenhamer and breth. Isaac Hammer and C. T. Snider.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES NAMES.	Received by Experience.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total in number.	Contributions.
Stewarts Creek	Elders William B. Gates,* J. D. Draughn, and brethren H. Herring,* Thomas Brinkey and S. W. Gill.	2		1	1		23	$ 65
Ararat, ...	Elders John Jones, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny, G. Denny, and brethren E. Denny, F. R. Stone and Joel Fulk.	2					64	2.40
White Oak Spring, .	P. Detherage, Henry Shelton, Wm. Jones and Silas Inmon.* . .		2				12	1.25
Rock Spring, ...	Eld. R. Wilbourn,* breth. C. W. York, H. Shore, E. York, A. Philips,	8		1		1	25	1.25
Fishers Gap, ...	William Golden,* Jacob Lowe* and J. Williams.						24	1.25
Round Peak, ...	Daniel Barker* and R. W. Flippen.						13	63
Flower Gap, ...	Elder H. Jones, brethren F. M. McCraw, H. Hawks and J. Hawks.	1		4	1		60	1.75
Deep Creek, ...	P. Shermer, T. R. Hall and D. M. Fletcher.				3	1	29	2.14
Fisher's River, . . .	William T. Lewis, H. Cave* and B. F. Wood.	1					26	1.00
Franklin, ...	Elder T. J. Lawson, brethren A. C. Woodruff, H. Maze,* C. Gentry.	3	1				31	85
Cody's Creek, ...	Elder Nathan Alberty, and brethren Isaiah Whitaker, Henry J. Wood and Moses Pilson.						29	1.00
Elk Spur, ...	Levi Edwards,* John J. Ayers, Andrew Hawks* Aaron Gwyn.* .						17	75
State Road, ...	Harrison Hains, Solomon Young.						33	1.05
Tom's Creek, ...	Elders A. Moran and H. Cain. No letter.						80	
Volunteer, ...	C. Blackburn and P. W. Lawrence. No letter.						34	1.15

Absentees marked thus* Clerks Fee $5 00 Price for Printing these Minutes $12.50.

Then chose Elders Isaac Webb, R. W. Hill and Levi I. Eodenhamer, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of this Association. Then chose Elders M. D. Hill, A. Moran and T. J. Lawson to preach on Saturday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock, and chose Elders Levi I. Bodenhamer, R. W. Hill and Isaac Webb to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Then appointed brethren F. M. McCraw and James D. Draughn a Committee of Finance. Then called for the Circular Letter, which was received and referred to the Committee. Then adjourned.

SATURDAY.

Met on Saturday according to adjournment. After prayer by Elder Levi I. Bodenhamer, the Messengers names were called, absentees marked and rules of Decorum read. The Committee then made their report, the same being received, they were discharged. The business of the Association was then disposed of as follows:

1, Called on Correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report, some attended, and those that did not were excused.

2, Called on Presbytery appointed to attend Flower Gap Church to report, which reported that they attended and ordained bro. H Hawks, Deacon. Then discharged.

3, Called on Presbytery appointed to attend to the request of Franklin Church to report. which reported that they did not attend, and same Presbytery reappointed.

4, Appointed a Presbytery of Elders N. Alberty, R. Wilbourn, M. G. Harbour and A. M. Denny to attend to the request of Rock Spring church to ordain Deacons.

5, Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations: To Mayo, John Jones, H. Jones, A M. Denuy, H. Cain, R. W. Flippen, A. Moran and M. G. Harbour; To Smith's River, J. Jones, M. G. Harbour, Hugh Jones, H. Cain, A. Moran and N. Alberty; New River, H. Jones, Levi Edwards, John J. Ayers, J. D. Draughu, A. M. Denny and N. Alberty; Abbott's Creek Union, A. M. Denny, J. D. Draughn and A. Moran. We correspond with Kehikee and Little river Associations by Minutes

6, Called on Committee on Finance to report, which reported they received from the Churches at this time $16.52, and in clerk's hands $12.86, making in all $29.38.

7, The Circular Letter, on being examined by the Committee, was considered too short for publication, and Elder M. G. Harbour was appointed to write a more lengthy letter by our fall Association.

8, Appointed a Committee of Elders A. M. Denny, T. J. Lawson, M. G. Harbour, H. Cain, Hugh Jones, and brother F. M. McCraw to attend and examine the condition of the Mountain Association, and report the same to our Association.

9, Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at White Oak Spring, three miles North of Mount Airy, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1875, and that Elder Isaac Edwards preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Elder A. Moran; and our Fall Association to be held with the Church at Elk Spur, 1½ miles East of Fancy Gay, Carroll county, Va., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1875.

10, Agreed that the Clerk have 550 copies of these Minutes printed, and distribute them as usual, and that he be allowed $5.00 for his services.

Saturday the stand was occupied as follows: Elder M. D. Hill opened the services of the day from Jonah, 1st chap. and 2nd verse: "Arise, go to Nineveth," and Elder A. Moran followed from Romans, 11th chap. and 33rd verse: "O, the depth of the riches both of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God," and Elder T. J. Lawson closed from Isaiah, 52nd chap. and part of 3rd verse: "Ye have sold yourselves for naught, and ye shall be redeemed without money."

SABBATH.

The brethren appointed to preach to-day met a large congregation. Elder Isaac Webb opened the services of the day from John. 1st chap. and 4th verse: "In him was Life, and the life was the light of men," and Elder R. W. Hill followed from Romans, 14th chap. and 10th and 11th verses: "But why dost thou judge thy brother," and Elder L. I. Bodenhamer closed from The Song of Solomon, 2d chap. and 14th verse: "O, my dove that art in the cleft of the rock."

MOSES PILSON, Clerk. JOHN JONES, Moderator.

Names of Ministers belonging to our Association, with Post Office address:

John Jones,	Mount Airy,	N. C.	J. E. Atkinson, Tom's Creek,		N. C.
Hugh Jones,	Chambers Valley,	Va	Wm. B. Gates, Mount Airy		"
Isaac Edwards,	"	"	R. Wilbourne, Rusk,		"
Nathan Alberty,	Dobson,	N. C.	M. G. Harbour, Dobson,		"
T. J. Lawson,	Taylorsville,	"	A. M. Denny, Pilot Mountain,		"
H. Cain,	Tom's Creek,	"	Gabril Denuy,	"	"
A. Moran,	"	"	J. D. Draughn, Mount Airy,		"
John Moran,	"	"	A. C. Woodruff, Boonville,		"

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Minutes

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convened with the Church at

TOM'S CREEK MEETING-HOUSE,

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

April the 25th, 1878.

MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

NATIONAL VISITOR JOB PRINT,

1878.

Proceedings.

TOM'S CREEK CHURCH, April 25th, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Gabriel Denny, from St. John, 16th chapter and part of 7th verse: "It is expedient for you that I go away," &c.

After a short intermission, the Delegates were assembled in the house, and, after prayer by Elder J. M. Blancett, letters from the following Churches were handed forward and Minuted as follows:

Cody's Creek—Nathan Alberty and Moses Pilson.

Stuart's Creek—J. D. Draughn, S. J. Booker and L. J. Jones.

Volunteer—P. W. Lawrence and James George.

Round Peak—Daniel Barker.

Elk Spur—Abner Gardner, G. Hawks, Wm. Stricklin, A. Hawks, Levi Edwards and John J. Ayers.

Ararat—M. G. Harbour, G. Denny, A. M. Denny, F. R. Stone, Joel Fulk, J. H. Dix, J. Denny and C. B. Denny.

White Oak Spring—P. Detherage, H. Shelton, J. B. Belton and C. Midkiff.

Flower Gap—Hugh Jones, C. Blackburn, W. B. Gates, F. M. McCraw, H. Hawks and J. C. McCraw.

Deep Creek—F. M. Lakey, J. M. Jones, T. R. Hall and E. Carter.

Tom's Creek—A. Moran, J. E. Atkinson, J. Moran, H. Cain, S. J. Adams & P. Slate.

Rock Spring—Not represented.

Fisher's River—William T. Lewis and B. F. Wood.

Then called for Correspondents, when, from Mayo, Elders T. S. Ring, Davis Hill and John Right and brethren John Lawrence, Bennett Sprinkle, Fuel Fulton Y. B. Davis, Franklin Redman, L. H. Southern and Wm. Adams. From New River: Elder Isaac Webb, Charles Martin, Jonas Boyd, P. S. Surrat, Andersou Webb, R. S. Collins and John R. Hortou. From Smith's River: Elder J. M. Blancett, Claibourn Plaster, James Barnard and E. M. Barnard. From Abbott's Creek Union: I. Hammer. All came forward and gave evidence of their appointment, and were invited to seats with us.

Then chose Elder Hugh Jones Moderator, and A. M. Denny Clerk.

Then an objection was made to the Delegates from Fisher's Gap and Frankl Churches being seated, on the ground that they are holding communion with th Mountain Association, which, upon consideration, are found to be in error, and, consequently, fellowship is withdrawn from said churches.

Then made choice of Elders J. M. Blancett, T. S. Ring and F. M. McCraw, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of arrangements.

Then chose Elders A. Moran, C. Plaster and Isaac Webb to preach on Saturday, and Elders J. M. Blancett, T. S. Ring and M. D. Hill to preach on Sunday, services to commence each day at 9 o'clock, A. M. Then adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH, 1878.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder M. D. Hill.

The Messengers names were called, and the Constitution and Rules of Decorum called for and read.

Then called for the work of the Committee, the same being received the committee was discharged. The business was then disposed of as follows:

1st. Called on the Presbytery appointed to Deep Creek to report, which reported that they attended and ordained brethren J. M. Jones and T. R. Hall to the office of Deacon, and also attended at Elk Spur and ordained brother Abner Gardner to the Gospel miuistry, also attended at Flower Gap and ordained brother Calvin Blackburn to the Gospel ministry.

2d. Appointed Elder G. Denny to prepare a Circular Letter.

3d. Called upon the Committee appointed to meet at this place on Thursday last, which reported that some of them attended, but accomplished nothing. The Com-

mittee was discharged.

4th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Flower Gap, Carroll County, Virginia, 11 miles North-west of Mt. Airy, N. C., near the foot of Sugar Loaf Mountain.

5th. Adopted the advice of the Committee of arrangements, to-wit: In the exclusion of the two churches on yesterday, evidence was produced sufficient to convince us that the Mountain Association is, in some degree, corrupt, and has not complied with the requirements of this Association. We therefore drop everything pertaining to or connected with the correspondence matter, and have nothing more to do with it.

6th. Agreed to notify New River Association to drop correspondence with the Mountain Association, and that our Clerk write them said notice.

7th. Advised our Clerk to only print the names of the members present and omit the names of all absentees.

ACHILLIS M. DENNY, *Clerk.* HUGH JONES, *Moderator.*

P R E A C H I N G.

SATURDAY.—1st, Elder Isaac Webb, from the 111 Psalm.
" 2nd, Elder Claibourn Plaster, from Romans, 8th chap. and 1st verse.
" 3rd, Elder A. Moran, from 2d Cerinthians, 10th chap. and 4th verse.
SUNDAY.—1st, Elder T. S. Ring. by Exhortation.
" 2nd, Elder M. D. Hill.
" 3rd, Elder Claibourn Plaster.

NOTE.—The Texts used by Elders Hill and Plaster have been carelessly misplaced by the Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION
Convened with the Church at
FLOWER GAP, CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

FLOWER GAP, CARROLL COUNTY, VA., October 25th 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Atkinson, by Exhortation. After a short intermission, the Delegates assembled in the house, and, after prayer Elder M. G. Harbour, letters from the several Churches were handed forward and noted.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Experience and by baptism	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Number.	Contributions.
Cody's Creek.	Nathan Alberty	3					1	30	$080
Flower Gap.	H. Jones, W. B. Gates, C. Blackburn, F. M. McCraw, H. Hawks.				3		1	55	1.50
Tom's Creek.	A. Moran, H. Cain, J. Moran, J. E. Atkinson and S. J. Adams.						3	88	95
Deep Creek.	Tyson R. Hall				1		1	36	2.80
Round Peak.	Daniel Barker							11	60
Ararat.	G. Denny, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny, J. H. Dix, E. Denny.	1				1		64	1.60
Elk Spur.	A. Gardner, L. Edwards, G. Hawks, A. M. Branscomb, J. J. Ayers	2	2					27	1.55
Stuart's Creek.	J. D. Draughn, S. J. Booker and Thomas Brinkly	1						22	50
White Oak Spring.	Henry Shelton, J. B. Belton, P. Detherage and C. Midkiff	2						18	50
Volunteer.	James George and P. W. Lawrence							26	1.15
Fisher's River.	No Delegates							27	85

Then chose Elder Hugh Jones, Moderator, and A. M. Denny, Clerk.

Then called for correspondents, when, from Smith's River, Elders J. M. Blancett, Wm. R. Radford and Brother E. M. Barnard, were present and invited to seats.

Then Elders Isaac Webb, John Vass, James M. Allen and Brother Wm. Griffith, were present from New River, but a motion was made by Elder Wm. B. Gates against their being seated in our body as correspondents, in consequence of Elder Webb serving as Moderator of a presbytery in the constitution of a church in the Mountain Association, and receiving two members into the fellowship of said church by letter of dismission from a church previously disowned from the fellowship of this Association, also, for knowingly seating a member in their association in fellowship from a church also disowned by us, which was confessed by said delegates. We, the Association, therefore, upon due consideration of said objection, refuse them seats with us as correspondents.

Then chose Elders J. M. Blancett, Alexander Moran and Brother F. M. McCraw, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements.

Then chose Elders John Moran, A. M. Branscomb and A. M. Denny, to preach on Saturday, and Elders J. M. Blancett, A. Moran and Wm. R. Radford, to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

Then appointed Brothers E. Denny and Henry Shelton a committee of finance.—Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 1878.

Met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Nathan Alberty, the messengers names were called, read the constitution and rules of decorum. Then called for the report of the committee, the same being received and the committee discharged. The business of the Association was then disposed of as follows:

1st. Agreed that the Churches of this Association be authorized to receive such members from Fisher's Gap and Franklin churches as may give proper confession of faith and satisfactory evidence of their loyalty to this Association.

2d. Called upon correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report, which reported that some of them attended, and those who did not were excused.

3d. Called for the Circular Letter. None presented.

4th. Agreed that the Obituary of brother Abraham Lakey, presented by Deep Creek church, be printed with our minutes.

5th. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations. To Smith's River, Elder Wm. B. Gates, Alexander Moran, Joseph E. Atkinson, Calvin Blackburn, Henderson Cain, Hugh Jones, Abner Gardner, and Brother Levi Edwards. To Mayo, Elders Alexander Moran, Joseph E. Atkinson, Hugh Jones, Calvin Blackburn, Wm. B. Gates, Moses G. Harbour, Henderson Cain, Gabriel Denny, Achillis M. Denny, and brethren James George, Pinkney W. Lawrence, Henry Shelton, Philip Detherage, F. M. McCraw, Tyson R. Hall and Columbus Midkiff. To Abbot's Creek Union, Elders Nathan Alberty, Henderson Cain, Achillis M. Denny, Alexander Moran, and Brethren Oliver M. Shields and Eugene Carter. Agreed that we correspond with Little River and Keehukee Associations by minutes.

6th. Resolved, That, although we acknowledge the New River Association to be a christian body, yet, in consequence of being in correspondence with the Mountain Association, which we believe to be an unorthodox body, not strictly adhearing to the original faith and practice of the Primitive Baptist, indulging in protracted meetings and other unlawful defects not approved by us, and that we drop correspondence with them for the present time.

7th. Agreed that the churches of this Association be instructed to deal with such members as may hereafter correspond in any way conflicting with the order of this Association.

8th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Round Peak, 12 miles west of Mt. Airy, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1879, and that Elder John Moran preach the introductory sermon and Elder Jas. D. Draughn be his alternate.

9th. Agreed to notify State Road and Rock Spring churches, by Elders M. G. Harbour and A. M. Denny, to show cause why they failed to represent themselves in this association.

10th. Agreed that Elders T. J. Lawson and A. C. Woodruff be called upon to give up their Credentials.

11th. Agreed that the clerk have 400 copies of these minutes printed, and distribute them as usual.

12th. Financial Report. Received from the churches at this time	$12.83
Money of last year from Tom's Creek church	1.20
In the hands of the clerk	42
Total	$14.45
Price for Printing Minutes	9.25
Clerk's Fee	5.00

HUGH JONES, *Moderator.*

ACHILLIS M. DENNY, *Clerk.*

P R E A C H I N G.

SATURDAY.—1st, Elder John Moran, by exhortation.

" 2d, Elder G. Denny, from Isaiah, 55th chap. and 1st verse: "Ho every one that thirst," &c.

" 3rd, A. M. Branscomb, from 2nd Timothy, 2nd chap. and 26th verse: "And that they may recover," &c.

SUNDAY.—1st, Elder Wm. R. Radford, from Zepheniah, 3rd chap. and 12th verse: "I will also leave in the midst of thee," &c

" 2d, Elder Alexander Moran; from 1st Corinthians, 1st chap. and 20th verse: "Where is the wise? where is the scribe," &c.

The word was preached with faithfulness, and we hope it will prove a blessing to the large audience who were in attendance.

OBITUARY OF ABRAHAM LAKEY.

Abraham Lakey, late of Yadkin county, N. C., was born November 19th, 1798, and was married to Nancy Phillips, June 18th, 1823, and settled near his old birth place on Forbush creek, in said county, where he spent the remainder of his days. He adopted the honorable occupation of farming as his principal method of support, and, by close attention to his business, he procured a handsome living for himself and family. He raised a family of twelve children, and lost two in infancy. Brother Lakey filled space among the useful men of his day, and was much relied upon for counsel in domestic affairs, and was always ready to give assistance in anything in his power. In process of time he made a profession of religion, and, on the 4th Sabbath in November, 1847, he joined the Primitive Baptist Church, at Deep Creek, Yadkin county, N. C. He proved to be a very useful member, and lived an honor to his profession and church until his death. The church soon assigned their clerkship unto him, and shortly after this he was chosen and set apart to the office of Deacon, which office he filled with much prudence and faithfulness as long as he lived, though a few years before his death he was afflicted with deafness, which rendered him somewhat unhappy, for he had always been a dear lover of preaching and occupied as faithful a seat at the church meetings and at the Associations, as almost any member of his day. He seemed to be much gifted in disciplinary judgment, both in church and in the different Associations. By reference to our minutes it may be seen that he was often delegated to the Association and was nearly always present to answer to his name. For a short time before his death he was confined at home by affliction, which he bore with the greatest christian fortitude, submitting himself, in all things, to God. He gave himself much to prayer, and when called upon, often engaged in prayer in public. On the 6th of February, 1877, God released him from this prison of clay and he fell asleep in the arms of our triumphant Redeemer, at the ripe old age of 78 years, 2 months and 18 days. Thus the man of God is brought down to the dust from whence he was taken, according to the decree of God, but we will not grieve for Brother Lakey, as for those that have no hope, for he has left with us so much evidence that God, for Christ's sake, has made him to be fit meet for his Master's use, sanctified his soul while on earth, and now while his flesh is consigned to the earth, his soul is gone to reap the reward of those that fear God and work righteousness. 'Tis true we miss him here in our godly counsel, and his vacant seat looks very desolate, but we would say to sister Lakey and the offspring of his mortal body, together with all those that mourn his loss, that this should only comfort us in spirit when we think of the seat he now occupies in Heaven. He has paid the debt that we are yet owing, and, while we are yet subject to pain, toil, and sin, his ransomed soul is bathing in that ocean of love, enjoying the substance of eternal life, where he needs, no more, the sympathy of a loving wife and children, no more to travel in toil to Deep Creek and to the Associations, to hear the Gospel preached, but he is there possessed with all the bright felicity of the paradise of God in the general assembly above, there ever to praise the worthy name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in a world without end.

Written by an order of the Primitive Baptist Church at Coe's Creek meeting-house, Yadkin county, N. C., August meeting, 1878, by A. M. DENNY.

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Minutes of the Fisher's River District

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH THE CHUREH AT ROUND PEAK MEETING-HOUSE,

Surry County, N. C., April 25th, 1879.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Blancett, from Romans, 5th chap. and 3d verse.

The Delegates then assembled in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder N. Alberty, letters from the several Churches were presented and minuted as follows:

Deep Creek.—J. M. Jones, T. R. Hall, F. M. Lakey, E. Carter, D. M. Fletcher and L. F. Tate.

Fisher's River.—William T. Lewis.

Elk Spur.—Levi Edwards, A. M. Branscomb, G. Hawks and J. J. Ayers.

Flower Gap.—H. Jones, W. B. Gates, C. Blackburn, F. M. McCraw, H. Hawks and O. Hawks.

Tom's Creek.—H. Cain and John Moran.

Round Peak.—Daniel Barker.

White Oak Spring.—H. Shelton, C. Midkiff and E. Sutphin.

Cody's Creek.—N. Alherty and Moses Pilson.

Ararat.—M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny, E. Denny and Joel Fulk.

Then called for Correspondents. Elder J. M. Blancett, from Smith's river, being present, was invited to a seat. Then chose Elder Hugh Jones Moderator, and A. M. Denny Clerk. Then appointed Elders H. Cain, J. M. Blancett and brother F. M. McCraw, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements. Appointed Elders M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny and brother A. M. Branscomb to preach on Saturday, and Elders J. M. Blancett, H. Cain and John Moran to preach on Sunday, worship to commence each day at 10 o'clock, A. M. Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th.—Met according to adjournment; prayer by Elder ——. The messengers' names were called; the rules of Decorum called for and read. Then called upon the committee to report, who reported the following business, and were discharged:

1st, Called upon the committee appointed to inquire of Rock Spring and State Road Churches why they failed to represent themselves in our last Association. Elder M. G. Harbour reported that Rock Spring has good reasons, therefore they are excused. Elder N. Alberty reports from good information that State Road Church has made choice of a Pastor from the Mountain Association, therefore we withdraw our fellowship from said Church.

2d, Considered the standing of Stewart's Creek Church in regard to their loyalty to this Association. Evidence by Elder M. G. Harbour that they have made choice of a Pastor from New River Association. Also, we consider Elder Draughn is preaching out of order. We, therefore, withdraw fellowship from said Church, and require Elder Draughn to return his credentials, obtained by authority of this Association.

3d, Appointed Elder J. E. Atkinson to prepare a Circular by our fall Association.

4th, Agreed that our Fall Association he held with the Church at Ararat, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October next, and that Elder C. Blackburn preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder A. Gardner be his alternate. Then adjourned.

A. M. DENNY, CLERK. HUGH JONES, MODERATOR.

Minutes of the same Association, convened with the Church at Ararat, Surry County, N. C., October 24th, 1879.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. S. Ring, from 1st Corinthians, 2d chap. and 2d verse.

After intermission, the Delegates were seated in the house, and after prayer by S. J. Lackey, letters from the different Churches were received and Minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Experience & Bapt.	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dism'd by let	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Contributions.
Volunteer	No Delegates					3	1	23	$094
Deep Creek	F. M. Lakey, J. M. Jones, T. R. Hall and E. Carter							36	2 90
Tom's Creek	A. Moran, H. Cain, J. E. Atkinson, J. Nun and S. G Adams.	4		1		2		84	2 00
White Oak Spring.	H. Shelton, William Jones, E. Sutphin and C. Midkiff	1		1		2		17	45
Cody's Creek	N. Alberty, A. Marion and Moses Pilson				2	2	1	25	1 00
Elk Spur	A. M. Branscomb, A. Hawks and J. J. Ayers	1						28	1 10
Round Peak	R. W. Flippin	2		1				11	40
Flower Gap	H. Jones, C. Blackhurn, F. M. McCraw and J. C. McCraw		1					37	1 27
Ararat	M. G. Harbour, G. Denny, A. M. Denny and E. Denny	1			1		1	65	2 28
Fisher's River	William T. Lewis and H. Cave								82

Then chose Elder Hugh Jones Moderator and A. M. Denny Clerk. Then called for correspondents. Elder *S.* J. Lackey, from *S*mith's river, being present, was invited to a seat. Elder T. *S.* Ring and brethren A. Read, B. *S*prinkle, Y. B. Davis and L. H. *S*outhern, from Mayo, gave evidence of their appointment, and were seated. Then chose Elders S. J Lackey, T. S. Ring and A. Moran, with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee of arrangements. Then appointed Elders H. Cain, J. E. Atkinson and N. Alberty to preach on *S*aturday, and Elders T. *S.* Ring, *S.* J. Lackey and A. Moran to preach on Sunday, worship to commence each day at 10 o'clock, A. M. Then appointed brethren E. Denny and Henry *S*helton a committee on Finance. Then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

OCTOBER 25th.—Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder N. Alberty. Then called the messenger's names, read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum and called upon the committee of arrangements to report, which reported the following business and was discharged: 1st, Called upon correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report. *S*ome attended, and those who did not were excused. 2d, Called for a Circular. None presented. 3d, Appointed a Presbytery of Elders, to-wit: H. Jones, C. Blackburn, W. B. Gates, A. Moran, A. Gardner, J. E. Atkinson and H. Cain to attend at Elk *S*pur and examine the Call and Qualifications of brother A. M. Branscomb, and set him apart to the ordinance of the Gospel, if found qualified. 4th, Appointed Elders G. Denny, C. Blackburn, A. Gardner, H. Cain and A. M. Denny to attend at Round Peak for the purpose of ordaining Deacons. 5th, *A*ppointed Correspondents to sister *A*ssociations as follows: To *S*mith's River, Elders M. G. Harbour, G. Denny, A. Moran, J. E. Atkinson and brethren Wm. T. Lewis and John Nun. To Mayo, Elders C. Blackburn, A. Moran, H. Jones, M. G. Harbour, J. E. *A*tkinson, Wm. B. Gates, G. Denny, A. M. Denny, and brethren J. Nun, A. M. Branscomb and R. W. Flippin. To Abbott's Creek Union, Elders H. Jones, C. Blackburn, A. Moran, *A*. M. Denny, and brethren *A*. M. Branscomb, O M. Sheales, E. Carter, F. M. Lakey and T. R. Hall. *A*greed to correspond with Little River and Keehukee Associations by Minutes. 6th, Inquired after the standing of Rock Spring Church. Elder M. G. Harbour reports that the church refuses to represent themselves in this *A*ssociation, we, therefore, withdraw our fellowship from said Church. 7th, Query, by Elder M. G. Harbour, with regard to the legality of receiving Maletha Jones into the fellowship of Fisher's River Church? *A*nswer; we, as an advisory council, think that church has a right to exercise their own judgment in the matter. 8th, Appointed Elder J. E. *A*tkinson to prepare a Circular by our next Fall *A*ssociation. 9th, *A*greed that our next *A*ssociation be held with the Church at White Oak Spring, 3 miles north of Mt. *A*iry, Surry County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in *A*pril, 1880, and that our Fall *A*ssociation be held with the Church at Elk Spur, 3 miles east of Fancy Gap, Carroll County, Va., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1880, and that Elder *A*. Gardner preach the introductory sermon at White Oak Spring, and Elder Hugh Jones be his alternate; and that Elder Hugh Jones preach the introductory sermon at Elk Spur, and Elder N. *A*lberty be his alternate. 10th, Financial Report. Received from the Churches at this time, $13.23; In the hands of the Clerk, 15c; Total, $13.38; Price for printing these Minutes, $8.38; Clerk's fee, $5.00. 11th, Thanks to the community for their kindness during this *A*ssociation. *A*djourned.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk. *HUGH JONES, Moderator.*

P R E A C H I N G .

*S*aturday.—1st, Elder J. *E. A*tkinson, from Gallatins, 1st chapter and 15th and 16th verses.
2nd, *E*lder H. Cain, from 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter and 2nd verse.
3rd, *E*lder N. *A*lberty, from 1st John, 4th chapter and 1st verse.
Sunday.—1st, Elder T. S. Ring, from Psalms, 48th chapter and 12th, 13th and 14th verses.
2nd, *E*lder *S.* J. Lackey, from Ephriam, 5th chapter and 25th verse.
3rd, *E*lder A. Moran, from Isaiah, 55th chapter and 1st verse.

Note.—We believe the Word was preached in demonstration of Power, and hope it will prove a blessing to the large audience who was in attendance.

Names of Ministers with Post-Office Address,

Name.	*Post-office.*	*County.*	*State.*	*Name.*	*Post-office.*	*County.*	*State.*
Hugh Jones,	St. Paul,	Carroll,	Va.	Gabriel Denny,	Pilot Mountain,	Surry,	N. C.
Isaac *E*dwards,	Lamb's Burg,	"	"	Nathan Alberty,	Dobson,	"	"
Calvin Blackburn,	"	"	"	Henderson Cain,	Tom's Creek,	"	"
Wm. B. Gates,	Fancy Gap,	"	"	M. G. Harbour,	Copeland,	"	"
A. M. Branscomb*	"	"	"	A. M. Denny,	Stony Ridge,	"	"
*A*bner Gardner,	Hillsville,	"	"	John Nun,*	Big Creek	Stokes,	"
*A*lexander Moran,	Pilot Mountain,	Surry,	N. C.	L. D. Gilbert,*	"	"	"
J. *E. A*tkinson,	"	"	"				

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MINUTES OF THE

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

WHITE OAK SPRING, N. C., APRIL 23, 1880.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. J. Lackey, from Jude, 1st chapter and 3rd verse: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation," &c.

The Delegates then assembled in the house, and after prayer by Elder R. W. Hill, Letters from the following Churches were read and minuted as follows:

White Oak Spring.—Henry Shelton, Wm. Jones, C. Midkiff, E. Sutphin.

Tom's Creek.—A. Moran, H. Cain, J. E. Atkinson and J. Nunn.

Ararat.—G. Denny, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny. E. Denny, A. Taylor.

Volunteer.—Represented by Letter.

Fisher's River.—William T. Lewis.

Round Peak.—R. W. Flippin.

Elk Spur.—A. Gardner, A. M. Branscomb, Levi Edwards, J. J. Ayers, and G. Hawks.

Deep Creek.—T. R. Hall, E. Carter, F. M. Lakey.

Cody's Creek.—Nathan Alberty.

Flower Gap.—H. Jones, Wm. B. Gates, C. Blackburn, F. M. McCraw, H. Hawks and J. C. McCraw.

Then called for Correspondents; when from Mayo Elder R. W. Hill and brother Y. B. Davis gave evidence of their appointment, and took seats.

Elders S. J. Lackey and J. M. Blancet, visitors from Smith's River, were invited and took seats with us.

Then chose Elder Hugh Jones, Moderator, and A. M. Denny, Clerk.

Then chose Elders S. J. Lackey, J. M. Blancet and A. Moran a Committee of Arrangements.

Then chose Elders R. W. Hill, A. M. Branscomb and J. E. Atkinson to preach on Saturday, and Elders S. J. Lackey, J. M. Blancet and A. Moran to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock, each day. Then adjourned.

APRIL 24th.—Met according to adjournment, and after prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business as follows:

1st. Called the Messengers names, marked the absentees; 2nd, called upon the Committee of Arrangements to report, which reported the following business, and was discharged;

1st. Read the Covenant, articles of Faith, Constitution and rules of Decorum.

2. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to Elk Spur to report, which reported that they attended and set apart brother A. M. Branscomb to the ordinance of the Gospel, also ordained brother G. Hawks to the office of Deacon.

3. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to attend at Round Peak to report, who reported that they did not attend. The same Presbytery re-appointed.

4 Notice:—John Moran has been duly excluded from the fellowship of Tom's Creek church, and is preaching out of order. The Church demanded his Credentials, and he rfuesed to give them up.

5. Agreed to have the Covenant and articles of Faith printed with our Minutes. Then adjourned.

HUGH JONES, Moderator.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

PREACHING.

SATURDAY.—1st, J. E. Atkinson, by Exhortation; 2, A. M. Branscomb, from Phillippians, 3rd chapter and 3rd verse; 3rd, R. W. Hill closed by Exhortation, and dismissed in order.

SUNDAY.—The brethren appointed to preach to-day met a large and well-ordered congregation, and preached as follows: Elder S. J. Lackey led in the service of the day and preached from Jeremiah, 16th chapter and 16th verse. Elder R. W. Hill closed by Preaching from Revelations, 19th chapter, and 11th to 15th verses.

A. M. DENNY, CLERK.

MINUTES OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

ELK SPUR, Carroll County, VA., October 22nd, 1880.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. J. Lackey, from Eze-37th chapter and 5th verse. The Delegates then assembled in order, and after prayer by Elder N. Alberty, letters from the different Churches were kiel, handed in and Minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by experience	Restored	Excluded	Deceas'd	No. of members	Contributions
White Oak Spring,	H. Shelton, J. C. Jones C. Midkiff and Erwin Sutphin	2				20	$ 65
Flower Gap,	H. Jones, W. B. Gates, C. Blackburn, I. Edwards, F. M. McCraw and H. Hawks	3		2		61	1 60
Round Peak	R. W. Flippen, William Golding and A. Vaughn	5		1	1	16	75
Elk Spur	A. M. Branscomb, A. Gardner, J. J. Ayers, G. Hawks, A. Hawks, E. Cain					27	1 40
Deep Creek	T. R. Hall	1			1	36	3 10
Tom's Creek	H. Cain	1	1			86	2 31
Cody's Creek	N. Alberty and A. C. McDowel					22	1 00
Volunteer	F. M. Venable					22	1 00
Ararat	No Delegates	6			4	68	2 45
Fisher's River	No Delegates						60

Then called for Correspondents, when from Mayo, brother Bennett Sprinkle came forward and gave evidence of his appointment, and Elder S. J. Lackey and brother E. Barnard, visitors from Smith's river, all of whom were invited and took seats with us.

Then chose Elder H. Jones Moderator, and Henry Shelton Clerk, pro. tem.

Then chose Elders H. Cain and N. Alberty, and brother F. M. McCraw,

with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of arrangements.

Then appointed brethren J. C. McCraw and E. Cain a committee of Finance.

Then chose Elders A. M. Branscomb, C. Blackburn and A. Gardner to preach on Saturday, and Elders S. J. Lackey, N. Alberty and H. Cain to preach on Sunday, worship to commence each day at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned.

APRIL, 23rd.—Met according to adjournment, and after prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to call for the bill of arrangements, the same being received, the Committee was discharged, and the business disposed of as follows:

1, Called upon correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report, some of whom attended, and those who did not were excused.

2, Called upon Presbytery appointed to attend at Round Peak to report. No report.

3, Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations, as follows: to Mayo, Elders H. Jones, A. M. Branscomb, H. Cain, J. E. Atkinson, W. B. Gates, M. G. Harbour, N. Alberty and brethren F. M. McCraw, R. W. Flippin, H. Hawks, J. J. Ayers and H. Shelton. To Abbott's Creek Union, Elders H. Jones, N. Alberty, A. Moran, H. Cain, A. M. Denny and brethren T. R. Hall, O. M. Sheals and E. Carter. Agreed that we correspond with Kehukee and Little river Associations by Minutes. NOTICE.—We say to our sister, the Kehukee Association, with whom we correspond by Minutes, that we are not in correspondence with the Mountain Association, for we consider them unorthodox.

4, Called upon the committee of Finance to report, who reported that they received from the Churches, at this time, $15.86.

5, Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Volunteer Meeting House, Stokes County, N. C., 4 miles north-east of the Pilot Mountain, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1881, and that Elder N. Alberty preach the Introductory sermon, and that Elder A. Moran be his alternate.

6, Agreed that our Clerk have 350 copies of these Minutes printed and distribute them as usual. Then adjourned.

HENRY SHELTON, CLERK. HUGH JONES, MODERATOR.

PREACHING.

SATURDAY, April 23.—The brethren preached by exhortation.

SUNDAY, April 24.—Elder H. Cain opened the service of the day and preached from St. John, 10th chapter and 27th and 28th verses. Elder S. J. Lackey followed and preached from Isaiah, 13th chapter and 12th verse. Elder N. Alberty closed by exhortation.

COVENANT AND ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE APOSTOLIC BAPTIST CHURCH.

COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of Almighty God and in the Faith of the Gospel and by the help of Divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give ourselves to God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other, freely submitting ourselves to Him to be at His disposal for his glory, taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising, by the help of Divine Grace, to watch against sin, temptation and corruption, and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ, who is the

author and finisher of our Faith and the only hope and surety of his people; under his covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to each other, by the Will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other to hear one another's burthens in the Gospel and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love, and to hold communion together in the ordinance of the Gospel, submitting ourselves unto the discipline of Christ in this, which we trust, is a part of his mystical body, according as we shall be directed by his Spirit in his Word and by the help of Divine grace for still more light from the Lord, believing that he will yet further and more gloriously open to us his word and the mysteries of his kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ our only Saviour be glory forever, Amen.

THE GOSPEL FAITH.

Article 1st, of God and the Holy Trinity.—We believe in only one true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of his own will, who created all things (sin excepted); is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable. There are three which are of one essence: God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Article 2nd, of the Holy Scriptures.—We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and the only rule of Faith and practice: that they are given by inspiration of God and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness.

Article 3rd, of the Atonement.—We believe that Christ died for and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does, or ever will believe on his name, and all who are finally saved, were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article 4th, of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.—We believe that whom God did foreknow, he also predestinated to be conformed to the image of his Son, that God elected according to his foreknowledge through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ all who are finally saved to an inheritance uncorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all true Saints, and that none came to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love and in due time called unto his everlasting glory.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fisher's River

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

Fisher's River Church, Surry County. N. C.

APRIL 21st, 1882.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. M. Branscom, from Jeremiah, 26th chapter and 4th verse.

The Delegates were then invited to seats, and after prayer by Eld. Hugh Jones, letters from the different Churches were handed in and minuted as follows:

White Oak Spring.—Henry Shelton, W. A. Jones, C Midkiff, Irvin Sutphin and Edmond Childress.

Volunteer.—Drury Boyles and F. M. Venable.

Cody's Creek.—N. Alberthy, Moses Pilson, and A. Marion.

Tom's Creek.—A. Moran, John Nunn, S. G. Adams, H. Kane.

Fisher's River.—Wm. T. Lewis and Henry Cave.

Deep Creek.—J M. Jones, T. R. Hall, and O. M. Shields, F. M. Lakey, John Hall, L. F. Tate, E. Carter.

Elk Spur.—A. Gardner, A. M. Branscom, Levi Edwards, J. J. Ayres, G. H. Hawks, Eli Kane and A. Hawks.

Flower Gap.—Hugh Jones, C. Blackburn, W. B. Gates, F. M. McCraw, J. C. McCraw Henry Hawks, Levi Easter, Orville Hawks.

Round Peak.—R. W. Flippen, Wm. Golden, D. Barker, A. Vaughn.

Ararat.—M. G. Harbour, J. A. Tate, and James H. Dix.

Then appointed Elder Hugh Jones Moderator, and A. M. Denney Clerk. Then appointed brother F. M. McCraw and Elders H. Kane and N. Alberty, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements. Then appointed Elders G. Denney, H. Jones and N. Alberthy to preach on Saturday, and Elders H. Kane, A. Gardner and Eli Kane to preach on Sunday, worship to commence at 10 o'clock each day. Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 22nd.—Met pursuant to adjournment. and after prayer by A. M. Denney, proceeded to call the roll, and extended an invitation for Correspondents to come forward. Then read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum. Then called for the work of the Committee, which reported the following business and was discharged:

1st, Called on the Presbytery appointed to attend at Round Peak, who reported that they attended and ordained Brother Wm. Golden to the office of Deacon.

2d, Called on the Committee appointed to attend at Ararat church to investigate the standing of said church, on Saturday before the 2d Sunday in January, 1882. None had attended but Elder N. Alberthy and Brother T. R. Hall, therefore nothing was done.

3d, There being two letters and two sets of delegates from Ararat church, Elder M. G. Harbour was called on and stated that they appeared in consequence of a division in that church. After considering the matter, the Association sustained Elder Harbour, and recognized him and those who stood with him as being Ararat church, though in the minority. In consequence of said division, our former Clerk was cut off. Eli Kane was appinted Clerk, and J. C. McCraw Assistant Clerk. Then adjourned.

ELI KANE, Clerk. HUGH JONES, Moderator.

PREACHING.

Saturday.—1st, Elder Hugh Jones, 2nd J. Nunn. G. Denney being cut off, did not preach.

Sunday.—1st, Elder Henderson Kane, 2nd Elder Abner Gardner, 3rd, Eli Kane.

MINUTES

OF THE SAME

ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

COE'S CREEK,

Yadkin County, N. C.

OCTOBER 20th, 1882.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Hugh Jones, from Hebrews, 5th chapter and 6th verse.

The Delegates were then invited to seats, and after prayer by A.

Gardner, letters from the different Churches were handed in and minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Experience & Baptism.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
Round Peak,	W. Golden, R. W. Flippen and A Vaughn - - - - -				15	$ 75
Cody's Creek,	N. Alberthy, A. Marion and A. C. McDowell - - - - -			2	13	80
Elk Spur,	A. Gardner, J. J. Ayres, and Eli Kane - - - - - - -			1	27	1 00
Tom's Creek,	A. Moran and John Nunn	1			83	1 31
Flower Gap,	Hugh Jones, C. Blackburn, F. M McCraw, J C. McCraw				57	1 44
Ararat,	M. G. Harbour, J. A. Taylor and Frederick Reed - - -	1		1	44	1 55
White Oak Spring,	Not represented.				18	45
Deep Creek,	O. M. Shields, John Hall, F. M. Lakey, D. M. Fletcher, J. Jones, T. R. Hall, E. Carter				33	2 50
Fisher's River,	Wm. T. Lewis				24	88
Volunteer,	Represented by letter,	5			26	1 25

Then called for Correspondents. Brethren N. B. Orrel and Isaac Hamner from Abbott's Creek, came forward and were seated. From Mayo, Brother B. Sprinkle was also seated.

Then appointed Elder Hugh Jones Moderator, and Eli Kane Clerk.

Then appointed A. Moran, C. Blackburn, F. M. McCraw, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements.

Then appointed N. Alberthy, C. Blackburn and Eli Kane to preach on Saturday, and A. Moran, A. Gardner and John Nunn to preach on Sunday, services to commence at 10 o'clock each day.

Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, October 21st.—Met pursuant to adjournment prayer by M. G. Harbour.

1st, Called the names of delegates and read the Rules of Decorum.

2d, The Committee of Arrangements reported the following business and was discharged: 1st, Called on Correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report. Some attended; others did not, and were excused. 2d, Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations, as follows: To Smith's River, A. Moran, M. G. Harbour, J. Nunn, A. Gardner, J. E. Atkinson, C. Blackburn, W. B. Gates, A. C. McDowell, and H. Jones. To Mayo, Hugh Jones, A. Moran, H. Kane, J. Nunn, M. G Harbour, J E. Atkinson, F. M McCraw, W. B. Gates, C. Blackburn, J. J. Ayres, A. Gardner, R. W. Flippen and Eli Kane. To Abbott's Creek, Hugh Jones, M. G. Harbour, C. Blackburn, A. Moran, J. Nunn, H. Kane, O. M. Shields, L. F. Tate, T. R. Hall, W. T. Lewis, Eli Kane.

3d, Called on Committee of Finance to report, which reported that they had received of the different Churches $11.48, which with 25 cts. from last year makes $11.73. 4th, Called for Circular Letter; none prepared. Elder Harbour appointed to prepare one next fall.

5th, Then considered the propriety of appointing a committee to confer with the committee appointed by New River Association.—Elders M. G. Harbour, J. Nunn, C Blackburn, A. Gardner, and Brother J. M. Jones were appointed a committee to meet the New River committee at Elk Spur, November 22, 1882.

6th, Agreed that our next Association be held with 'Tom's Creek Church, Surry County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1883; and that our next Fall Association be held in Carroll County, Va , 3 miles east of Lambsburg, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1883, and that Elder M. G Harbour preach the Introductory sermon in the fall. Elder J. E. Atkinson to be his alternate.

7th, Agreed to have 350 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as usual.

We correspond with Little River and Kehukee Association by letter.

The Clerk is ordered to inform the committee of New River Association that this Association will meet their committee at the time and place named.

ELI KANE, Clerk. HUGH JONES, Moderator.

PREACHING.

Saturday—1st, N. Alberty, from II Timothy, 1st chap. 1, 2, 3, & 4.
" 2nd, C. Blackburn, from Rev , 13th chapter and 7th verse.
" 3rd, Eli Kane, by Exhortation

Sunday—1st, John Nunn. from Romans 9th chapter, 13th verse.
" 2nd, A. Moran, by Exhortation.
" 3rd, A Gardner, from Joshua, 6th chapter, 18th verse.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Fisher's River

Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION,

SPRING SESSION CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

Tom's Creek, Surry County, N. C.,

APRIL 20, 1883.

FALL SESSION CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

Flower Gap, Surry County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 26, 1883.

VIRGINIAN JOB OFFICE, HILLSVILLE, VA.

Fisher's River

Primitive Baptist

ASSOCIATION,

ANSWER TO NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION.

We, the Fisher's River Association, now in session at Flower Gap Church, Carroll County, Virginia, October the 27th, 1883, say to New River Association in answer to her letter informing us that their body has indorsed the work of our respective committees which met at Elk Spur, November the 22d 1882:—

1st, That we think that she has failed to carry out her pledge as shown by the work of our respective committees, for still holding and not advising churches and members to return, formerly held by us, but who were excluded from our body; and also seating other members from the Ararat Church who had been dropped from our body for refusing to submit to the order of our Association.

2d, In answer to your request asking us to exonerate your Association from the charge of being in disorder by reason of your correspondence with the Mountain Association, we say to your body that we have charged you with nothing more than the Mountain minutes show to be facts.

3d, We say to New River Association, in answer to her complaint asking us to return certain members back to the Mountain Association, that this is an issue between the Mountain Association and Fisher's River Association. We furthermore say that we hold no members from the Mountain, only who were received by experience and baptism.

4th, We say in answer to your demand requesting us to give satisfaction to certain churches and members previously dropped by us, that the work of our respective committees which met at Elk Spur requires them to return to us and make reconciliation; and furthermore we say to your body that you have failed to carry out your pledges, as agreed to by our respective committees which met at Elk Spur, by holding your last Association with one of our excluded churches instead of advising that church (to-wit, Franklin church) to return and make reconciliation to the Association from whence they were excluded.

And now, Brethren, in conclusion, we hope your body will reconsider this matter and strictly conform to the requirements of the work of our respective committees, which we solemnly pledge ourselves to do.

Therefore we have chosen our beloved brethren, Elders M. G. Harbour and C. Blackburn, and Bros. J. M. Jones and E. M. McCraw, to bear this letter. Them we hope you will treat with love and respect.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren of the Fisher's River Association of the Primitive Order: Being appointed to write a circular to be annexed to our minutes, I will call your attention to the afflicted and suffering condition of Zion in this section of the country. Our Association has been rent by dissensions, five of the churches and several of the members of churches of our body, that we used to meet in sweet fellowship, are not recognized by us as belonging to our body, while ten churches of our body are yet standing firm and united together as brethren indeed, and, as in the days of the Apostles, some were for Paul, some for Apollus, and some for Cephus, even so now many seem to be following their favorite leaders, and so perilous times have come. Many of the sheep and lambs of the fold are brought to mourn, many in the same section are living in love, but not belonging to the same body, and know not the cause, and, as in the days of David having Israel numbered, the Lord sent an angel that destroyed seventy thousand of his people, David looking on beheld the destruction of his innocent sheep. He confessed he had sinned and done very wickedly, but as for these sheep what have they done?—even so now their leaders have led them astray, and the sheep are suffering in sorrow. Then is there not a cause? Until within a few years we were in union and peace, until the question of correspondence with the Mountain Association was brought into our body. Some were for correspondence and some against it, and Fisher's River passed an order stating that owing to the complications in the minds of the brethren we deem it not expedient to open correspondence at present, and some of the churches continued to fellowship them which caused our Association to drop two churches—Franklin and Fisher's Gap—from our body, and we notified New River Association to drop the Mountain Association, which New River failed to do. Fisher's River holding that the Mountain Association was in disorder, indulging in protracted meetings and other unlawful defects not approved of by us. Since then three more churches—Stewart's Creek, State Roads, and Rock Spring—have been dropped from our body for refusing to submit to the orders of Fisher's River Association. Since which the writer of this letter obobtained certificates from various prominent members of the Mountain Association stating that they were still holding protracted meetings, having mourners' benches, and calling for mourners and uniting with

Methodists in said meetings, which members of our body that was with us who had visited them, reported that the Mountain Association confessed said certificates were true, and passed in 1881 an order desiring their churches to deal with their members and ministers who may hereafter participate in such affiliations, and ask pardon for the wrongs already done and promise to do better for all time to come, which fully sustains the charges Fishers River made against them. Now, brethren, is this from being misled or from principle? Is it not time for the inhabitants of the Rock to look to the interest of the cause, and hearken to the voice of Solomon, who said, "Remove not the ancient land-mark which thy father has set." O, Brethren, think of the voice of Jeremiah, when Isreal had married strange wives and gone into captivity for so doing: "Oh, that my head were waters and my eyes a fountain of tears that I might weep day and night for the stain of the daughter of my people." Have our people gone into captivity? If so let us say to them: "Go stand in the way and see and ask for the old paths wherein is the good way, and walk therein and ye shall find rest to your souls."

M. G. HARBOUR.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT ROUND PEAK CHURCH, SURRY CO., N. C.,

APRIL 25, 1884.

The introductory sermon was preached by Brother G. Hawks. Then the delegates assembled in the house, and after prayer by Elder M. G. Harbour, the letters from the different churches were handed in, read and minuted as follows:

DEEP CREEK.—J. M. Jones, T. R. Hall, O. M. Shields.

ROUND PEAK.—A. Vaughn, R. W. Flippen, D. Barker.

ELK SPUR.—A. M. Branscom, A. Gardner, and Brethren G. Hawks, J. J. Ayres, A. Hawks, Eli Kane.

FISHER'S RIVER.—W. T. Lewis.

ARARAT.—Elder M. G. Harbour, E. Denney.

VOLUNTEER.—G. W. Jones.

WHITE OAK SPRING.—Henry Shelton.

CODY'S CREEK.—A. C. McDowell.

FLOWER GAP.—Elders Hugh Jones, C. Blackburn. Brethren F. M. McCraw, Levi Easter, Isaac Edwards.

Then called for correspondents, none came forward. Then appointed Elder Hugh Jones, Moderator, and Eli Kane, clerk.

Then appointed M. G. Harbour, F. M. McCraw, T. R. Hall, with Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements.

Then appointed Elders A. M. Branscom, C. Blackburn, and Eli Kane to preach on Saturday, and Elders M. G. Harbour, A. Gardner and Hugh Jones to preach on Sunday, services to commence at 10 o'clock each day, then adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1884.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder H. Jones. Then called names of messengers. Read rules of adjournment. Then called for work of committee. Committee reported, report received, committee discharged. The work of the committee was then taken up.

1st. Appointed a Presbytery to attend at Elk Spur by request of

the church, for the purpose of examining the ministerial gifts of Brethren Eli Kane, and G. Hawks, consisting of Elder H. Jones, C. Blackburn, M. G Harbour. H. Cain.

2nd. Appointed Elder Hugh Jones to write a Circular Letter by the fall association.

SATURDAY'S PREACHING. —The services of the day were opened by C. Blackburn, from Matthew 25th chapter, part of 10th verse. 2d A. M. Branscom, from Gal 3d chapter, part of the 28th verse. 3d. Eli Kane, from Hebrew 11th chapter, 1st verse.

SUNDAY —1st A. Gardner, from 21st chapter of Genesis, 10th verse. 2d. M G. Harbour, Revelations, 21st chapter, part of 9th verse 3d. Hugh Jones, Joel, 2d chapter, 1st and part of 2d verses.

HUGH JONES, Moderator.

ELI KANE Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION HELD AT ARARAT CHURCH, SURRY CO., N. C., OCTOBER 24, 1884.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John Moran, after a short intermission the delegates assembled in the church, and after prayer by Elder N. Alberty, letters from the different churches were handed in and read. Then called for correspondence, when from Smith's River, Elder E. M. Barnard and Brother E. P. Barnard, from Abbott's Creek, Brethren N. B Orrell, Isaac Hammer, from Mayo, Brethren B. Sprinkle, J. W. Flippen, Elder L. D. Gilbert, William Griffith, all came forward and were seated. Then appointed Elder H. Jones, Moderator, Eli Kane Clerk, and A M. Denney, Assistant Clerk.

Then appointed Elder J. E. Atkinson, E. M. Barnard, H. Kane, M. G. Harbour, Bro. J. M. Jones, with Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangement.

Then appointed Elder H. Kane, G. Denney, and Eli Kane to preach on Saturday, and Elders A. M. Denney, E. M. Barnard and J. E Adkinson, to preach on Sunday, services to commence at 10

o'clock each day. Then adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1884.

Met according to adjournment, prayer by Elder A. M. Denney. The business of the Association was then taken up and disposed of as follows: Called names of messengers, read Rules of Decorum, called on Committee of Arrangement to report, report received and committee discharged.

1st. Called on committee appointed to New River Association to report, who reported. Report received and committee discharged.

2d. Called on Presbytery appointed to Elk Spur church to report, who reported that some attended, but the ordination referred.

3d. Called on correspondence to sister Associations to report, who reported and were discharged.

4th. Called on committee of finance who reported that they received from the churches fifteen dollars and twelve cents.

5th. Appointed a Presbytery to Volunteer, to-wit: Elders A. M. Denney, M. G. Harbour, H. Cain, G. Denney.

6th. Appointed a correspondence to sister Associations, to Smith's River, Elders J E. Atkinson, M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denney, A. Gardner, H. Jones, H. Cain, Brethren Eli Kane, J. J. Ayres. To Mayo, Elders H. Jones, J. E. Atkinson, M. G. Harbour, G. Denney, A. Moran, H. Cain, R. W. Flippin, Henry Shelton, T. R. Hall. To Abbott's Creek, Elders A. M. Denney, G. Denney, Brethren L. F. Tate, E. Carter, O. M. Shields, Eli Kane

7th Called for Circular Letter which was prepared by Elder H. Jones, and received

8th. Whereas, two letters were handed in from Tom's Creek church by reason of a division, we therefore recognize the majority as the church at present, and advise the dissatisfied party to go back and labor for, in a gospel way, and if they fail to effect a place upon said terms to report to our next Association.

9th As an advisory counsel, advise Elk Spur church or any other church in our Association holding members without letter or certificate from churches in the Mountain Association, to advise said members to return, and labor in a gospel way for reconciliation. Not to open a correspondence with the Mountain Association, but to ef-

fect a place between Fisher's River and New River Associations, as agreed to by our committees, and that we, the Fisher's River Association, are willing to bear with New River Association in her correspondence with the Mountain Association, in consequence of an order passed by the Mountain Association in September, 1881.

10th Agreed that our next Association be held with the Elk Spur church, Carroll County Va., to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1885, and our fall session to be held with White Oak Spring, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1885, and C Blackburn to preach the introductory sermon at our Spring session, A Gardner, alternate; fall session, A. Gardner to preach introductory sermon. H Jones, alternate.

11th Agreed to have 350 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

HUGH JONES, Moderator.

ELI KANE, Clerk A M DENNEY, Assistant Clerk.

The Brethren appointed to the stand met each day a very large and well ordered congregation who seemed anxious to hear the word spoken

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total No.	Contributed
Flower Gap,	Elder Hugh Jones, Levi Edwards, H. Hawks, F.M. Mc Craw	2		2		1	1	55	1 40
Deep Creek,	T. R. Hall, E. Easter, O. M. Shields, L. F. Tate, J. M. Jones,							35	3 00
Volunteer,	F. M. Venable. D. Boyles,							35	1 55
Tom's Creek,	Elders J. E. Atkinson, J. Moran, H. Cain,					2		76	1 15
Fisher's River,	By letter.	2						24	1 15
Cody's Creek,	Elders N. Alberty, A. Marion,							14	50
Elk Spur,	Elders A. M. Branscom, A. Gardner, Brethren Eli Kane, J. J. Ayres,	1					1	30	1 00
White Oak Spr'g,	Henry Shelton, C. C. Midkiff, Irvin Sutphin	1					1	13	40
Round Peak,	R. W. Flippin,							13	80
Ararat,	Eld. M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denney, G. Denney, B. C. Denney, E Denney, Joel Fulk,							60	4 19

Amount contributed by churches $15.12.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren.—As I was appointed by the last Association to write a Circular Letter, I feel myself very unworthy of the task, but in obedience to the order, I call your attention to the 4th Chapter of Ephesians, 1st, 2d and 3d verses: "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

Dear Brethren, we certainly have the best government in the world, laid down by authority of God, and through Christ and the Apostles. We should walk more worthy than we have heretofore, and not be split up and divided, and have so much wrangling. This is not walking in a worthy manner, in meekness and love one toward another, God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. But confusion comes from our fleshly lust, not all seeing alike, and how shall we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. By submitting one to another in love according to government laid down in the Bible, for it is a perfect law, and we who profess to be followers of that government should be ceaseful in searching the scriptures and trying to do our duty toward God and one another, in love and meekness, forbearing one another. When a dificulty comes before a church or Association, it is its duty to duly consider the case, and for information go to the unerring rule laid down in God's book, I will remind you of one case how the Appostles decided in chosing one to be virtuous in place of Judas, Acts of Apostles, 1st chap, 24th verse, and they prayed and said, "Thou Lord which knoweth the hearts of all men, show which of these two thou hast chosen," and they gave forth their lots, in what way we might suppose, they took the vote of all present, and that decided the case, and all was right. And we don't hear of some saying, "Because it didn't go my way I want have it, or I will go somewhere else," but they were all of one mind and one heart. It has a bad showing for Christian people to split and divide and backbite one another. The world can see that somobody is wrong, and other denominations can see there is something wrong amongst the Baptists. This is not walking worthy of the vocation whereof we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing another in love. We hold good that the Primitive Baptists are the only true and orthodox people in sentiment. Now we all admit that God is the author and finisher of our faith, and it is by grace we are saved, and that not of ourselves, but it is the gift of God. We also believe that God foreknew all things, and Christ Jesus was a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, and that it is through Christ that all the church is saved, and we believe in baptism by immersion and in the Lord's Supper. But next

comes disunion. Some believe in foot washing, and follow the pattern that Jesus set before us, and others reject the counsel of Christ as the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves in not receiving John's baptism, but say we do not see where the Apostles practised foot washing. Of course you do not for you were not there. But there is one thing you can see, if they did not, then they did not do what Christ told them they ought to do, and I believe they were too faithful to let anything go undone they were told to do. Read the 13th chapter of John, and if that will not convince you, I can't, but he that is clean need not save to wash. If you are clean of sin do not wash. As for your poor sinful writer, I feel like I need washing from foot to head, and that day by day. We know that the scripture sayeth that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrine of devils. We know that many false teachers have come and are deceiving many, and we call them money-hunters. They are not of us, but we should look to our own house, and see if there is wrong among us. When churches are constituted they are constituted on the faith, believing that it is right to supply the necessities of their pastor. Is it right or is it not? Do you do it or do you not? If you do not you have departed from that part of your faith. Ministers, do you do your duty in filling your appointments, and declare the whole counsel of God, or do you sometimes mount the stand and undertake to show Jacob her sin and Israel her transgression, and instead of applying it where it belongs, they bounce the money-hunter and false professor, and throw a stumbling block in the path of Zion. Now where a preacher gives a wrong idea on the sacred word of God he is running into false teaching. And that is not keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Now, Dear Brethren, should we not all of us more consider our duty to God in fulfilling his commands, and following every good work set forth by Christ and his holy apostles, and show our faith by our works. Render unto Cæsar the things that belong to Cæsar, and unto God the things that belong to God. For if Primitive Baptists do not hold up the true light on every order set forth in the scripture, it will never be done. O, that we could earnestly endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit and bond of love and peace. O, that henceforth, we as Christians may meet in peace and unity of the spirit, for the end of all things is drawing near. Let us be engaged in all holiness, looking for the second appearing of our Savior, when he will come with a great shout, and convoy of angels to convey his beloved bride to that blissful home, where she will meet with all the blood-washed throng that have gone before, where sweet peace and love will forever abound.

HUGH JONES.

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MINUTES
OF THE
Fisher's River Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

VOLUNTEER, STOKES COUNTY, N. C., April 23, 1886.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Alexander Moran from Jonah 3rd chapter and 2nd verse.

Then after an intermission of thirty minutes, the messengers assembled in order and after prayer by Elder E. M. Barnard, letters were handed in from the different Churches and minuted as follows:

ARARAT.—G. Denny, C. B. Denny, A. M. Denny.
CODY'S CREEK.—Azariah Marion.
FISHER'S RIVER.—Wm. T. Lewis.
WHITE OAK SPRING.—C. C. Midkiff, Wm. Jones.
DEEP CREEK.—T. R. Hall, F. M. Lakey, L. F. Tate.
ROUND PEAK.—Represented only by letter.
ELK SPUR.—A. Gardner, J. J. Ayers, A. Z. Phillips.
FLOWER GAP.—J. C. McCraw, Levi Easter.
VOLUNEER.—D. Boyles, F. M. Venable George Jones.
TOM'S CREEK.—A. Moran, J. Moran, H. Cain.
HOGAN'S CREEK.—M. G. Harbour, J. M. Vaughn.

Then called upon the Presbytery appointed to attend at Hogan's Creek to report who reported that they attended and constituted them into a Church, and they being present with letter and messengers, who petitioned and were received into the union of the Association and their messengers names enrolled in the table of Churches, their reception being manifested by the Moderator giving their messengers the right hand of fellowship, Elder A. Moran acting as Moderator, pro tem.

Then called for correspondents and visiting brethren, when from Mayo, brethren Y. B. Davis, L. P. Matthews, J. W. Flippin and R. E. Wright. From Smith's River, Elder E. M. Barnard. From Abbott's Creek, brother Isaac Hammer. All came forward and took seats with us.

Then appointed Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator, and Elder A. M. Denny, Clerk.

Then appointed Elder G. Denny, A. Moran, and A. Gardner, with the Moderator, and Clerk, a committee of arrangements.

Then appointed H. Cain, A. Gardner and A. M. Denny to preach on Saturday, and E. M. Banard, G. Denny and A. Moran, to preach on Sunday. Agreed to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock and that worship should commence each day at the stand at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned.

APRIL 24TH.—Met persuant to adjournment and after prayer, by the Moderator, proceeded to call the messengers names, then read the covenant, articles of faith, constitution, and rules of decorum. Then called for the work of committee which was received and the committee discharged. The business of the committee was then taken up and disposed of as follows:

1st, Called upon the Presbytery appointed to attend at Ararat to report, who reported that they attended and examined brother C. B. Denny, touching his call to the ministry, and believing him to be sound in faith, did, by the laying on of hands, set him apart to the ordinance of the gospel ministry.

2nd, Called upon the Presbytery appointed to attend at Volunteer to report, who reported that they attended, but owing to some impediment existing in said church did not ordain Deacons.

3rd, Appointed Elder N. Alberty to write a circular letter by our fall Association.

4th, Agreed to change the appointment to New River so that each of the brethren appointed shall be under a direct appointment and not as alternates for each other. Then adjourned. A. M. DENNY, CLERK. M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

PREACHING—Saturday 1st.—Elder H. Cain, text: St. John, 5th chap. 25 v. 2nd.

Elder A. Gardner, text: Hebrews 12th chap. 1st v. 3rd. Elder A. M. Denny, text: Romans 8th chap. 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 verses.

Sunday 1st.—Elder G. Denny, text: Romans 7th chap. 24th v. 2nd. Elder E. M. Barnard, text: Romans 8th chap. 29th verse. 3rd. A. Moran. text: Jeremiah 9th chap. 1st verse.

A. M. DENNY.

MINUTES OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT CODY'S CREEK, SURRY CO., N. C.

October 22nd, 1886.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Wm. B. Gates, from Matthew. 6th chap. 33rd verse

Then after an intermission the messengers assembled in the house and after prayer by Elder R. W. Snider. letters from the different churches were handed in and their messengers names enrolled in table of churches as follows:

Names of Churches	Names of Messengers.	By experience	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
Volunteer, -	Letter but no Messengers. - -	1							1.10
State Road, - -	Thomas P. Nixon and Harrison Hanes,								75
Deep Creek, -	J. M. Jones, D. M. Fletcher, T. R. Hall,						2	21	2.60
Round Peak, - -	R. W. Flippin, - - -								1.00
Elk Spur, -	A. Gardner, J. J. Ayers, A. Hawks, -						1	27	75
Fisher's River, -	W. P. Lewis, - -	2				1		22	75
Ararat, - -	J. Denny, J. Fulk, A. M. Denny, -				1			37	2.00
White Oak Spring, -	H. Shelton, - - -						2	14	50
Cody's Creek, -	N. Alberty, M. Pilson, A. Marion, -							18	70
Flower Gap, - -	W. B. Gates, F. M. McCraw, J. C. McCraw	5			4	2		52	2.15
Stewart's Creek, -	J D. Draughn, S. J. Booker, H. C. Booker.	4						48	65
Franklin, - -	T. J. Lawson, C. W. York, R. W. Riggin.							40	1.10
Rock Spring, -	Marion Wilbourn, H Shore, -	4			4		2	15	1.05
Hogan's Creek, -	M G Harbour, J M Vaughn, F Read, -	3	1			1	1	24	1 45
Tom's Creek, -	H. Cain, - - -	1		1		2	1	50	1·00

Letters were also received from Rock Spring and State Road Churches which were referred to the Committee of Arrangements. Stewart's Creek and Franklin Churches being received and seated in counsel with us. the Moderator descends from the chair and extends the right hand of fellowship to their messenger.

Then called for correspondents and visiting brethren. Brother B. Sprinkle reports as visitor from Mayo. Elder R. W. Snider and brethren N. B. Orrell, O. A. Craven and W. W. Pickard, correspondents and brother P. Willard, visitor from Abbott's Creek, and Elder J. M. Harris, visitor from County Line. all were seated in council with us. Then appointed Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator, and Elder A. M. Denny, Clerk.

Then appointed Elders T. J. Lawson, G. Denny and brother F. M. McCraw, with the moderator and clerk, a committee of arrangements.

Then appointed Elders H. Cain, G. Denny and J. D. Draughn to preach on Saturday, and Elders R. W. Snider. J. M. Harris and T. J. Lawson, to preach on Sunday.

Then appointed brethren H. C. Booker and J. C. McCraw, a committee on finance.

Then agreed to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock and that worship commence each day at the stand at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned.

OCTOBER 23.—Met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Harris.

1st. Called messengers names and read the rules of decorum. Then called upon the committee of arrangement to report who reported the following business and was discharged. The business of the Association was then taken up and disposed of as follows:

1st, Examined the letters from Rock Spring and State Road churches and they being received. their messengers seated in fellowship with us.

2nd, We say to the Mountain Association that we do recognize them as an orthodox body, but we do not think it order for them to hold of our members who left us without letters of dismission. and we invite Fisher's Gap Church to return and rep-

resent themselves in our next Association and we appoint Elder T. J. Lawson to visit said church and so inform them.

3rd, Called upon the committee appointed to New River to report who made the following report and was discharged. We, the committee appointed by the Fisher's River Baptist Association, Oct. 24th, 1885, to confer with the New River Baptist Association, have this day agreed with said New River Association, that we will receive letters and messengers from Stewart's Creek and Franklin churches and will seat them in our body, the Fisher's River Association, and regard them as being a part and parcel of the same in full fellowship with us just as they stood before there was any division amongst us. And we, the New River Association, now in session at Concord church, agree on our part that we will advise said Stewart's Creek and Franklin Churches to return to their former Associatiou and that upon those terms we see nothing more necessary to be done in order that christian correspondence be at once opened between the two associations.

Done and signed by the committee from Fisher's River Association and signed by the moderator, clerk and assistant clerk of the New River Association by order of the Association, June 5th, 1886.

ISAAC WEBB, Moderator.
J. C. HALL. Clerk.
P. G. LESTER, Ass't Clerk.

M. G. HARBOUR, GABRIEL DENNY,
WM. B. GATES, J. J. AYERS,

Committee from Fisher's River.

4th. Agreed to appoint correspondence to New River Associatiou.

5th. Agreed to rescind the order of our Association passed in October, 1878, which authorized churches of our Association to receive members from Fisher's Gap and Franklin churches without letters of dismission, and we advise our churches who have received members under this order to advise them to return.

6th. Called upon correspondents appointed to sister associations to report, who reported that some of them attended and those who did not were excused.

7th. Called upon the committee of finance to report who reported that they received from the churches at this time $17.28. (Since this report the clerk has received 87 cents, making a total of $18.15.)

8th. Appointed correspondeuts to sister Associations, to-wit: To New River—Elders M. G. Harbour. J. D. Draughn, A. M. Denny and brother H. C. Booker. To Smith's River—Elders M. G. Harbour, Wm. B. Gates, H. Cain, G. Denny. Mayo—Elders J. D. Draughn, Wm. B. Gates, and brethren H. Shelton and T. R. Hall. To Abbott's Creek—Elders J. D. Draughn, A. M. Denny, A. Gardner and G. Denny.

9th. Called for the obituary of Elder Isaac Edwards, which was prepared by Elder A. M. Denny the same being received and ordered to be annexed to our minutes.

10th. Called for the circular letter which was prepared by Elder N. Alberty and ordered to be annexed to our minutes.

11th. Agreed to hold our next association with the church at State Road, in Surry county, N. C., 8 miles northwest of Elkin, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1887, and that Wm. B. Gates preach the introductory sermon and T. J. Lawson be his alternate. And that our next fall Association be held with the the church at Hogan's Creek, in Surry couuty, N. C., 6 miles southwest of the Pilot Mountain, and that T. J. Lawson preach the introductory sermon, and that J. D. Draughn be his alternate.

12th, Agreed that our clerk have 500 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as before, and that he have $5.00 for his services.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk. M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

PREACHING.—On Friday while the Association was sitting in the house Elder R. W. Snider preached at the stand from Romans 1st chap. 16th verse. On Saturday the brethren appointed preached as follows: 1st, Elder H. Cain, from Matt. 4th chap. 16th verse. 2nd Elder G. Denny, from Isiah 55th chap. and 1st verse, 3rd, Elder J. D. Draughn, from 1st Peter, 2d chap. 4th and 5th verses. Then Elder A. M. Denny concluded from Romans, 8th chap. and 10th verse. Sunday, Elder J. M. Harris opened the services of the day by praise and prayer. Then Elder R. W. Snider preached from Ephesians 4th chap. and 4th verse. Elder Harris then preached from Hebrews 10th chap. Elder T. J. Lawson closed from Isaiah, 42nd chap. latter part 11th verse, "Let the inhabitants of the rock sing," &c. Praise by the Moderator and benediction by Elder Harris.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk.

OBITUARY OF ELDER ISAAC EDWARDS.

Elder Isaac Edwards was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Flower Gap, Carrol county, Va., but the date of his admission is not known to the writer of this short notice, which we, the Association, feel to submit to his memory. Brother Edwards was an humble and orderly member, and for many years devote himself to the gospel ministry. He was a strong advocate of the doctrine of election and final perseverence of the saints, and in his preaching labored much to show the difference between the false and true church. He stood with fearless energy firm in defence of the truth, and like a faithful soldier of the cross, fought for the rights of his Heavenly Master, reserving with ardent skill those weapons of warfare that are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds of sin and Satan. He was noted for his superior mind of recollection as to the book, chapter and verse of any Scripture he wished to refer to, to prove his doctrine. On the 18th of April, 1885, Heaven claimed its own, and he fell asleep in the arms of a merciful Saviour, and is gone home to God, where he is and will forever be blessed with durable riches even the reward of eternal life in the celestial courts of glory and in the holy presence of God. There he will forever reap an example and glorious reward for all his sufferings and affliction while he was engaged in his militant warfare. May God smile in compassion upon his family that is left behind and upon all his friends and relations and may they and all of us be prepared to meet him in the dazzling courts of bliss when we like him shall be called from this time world, is our prayer, for the sake of Him who first loved us.

By order of the Association.

A. M. DENNY.

Circular Letter.

My dear and beloved brethren and sisters in the kingdom of God's dear Son be unto you grace and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having learned from my brethren that I was appointed to prepare a Circular Letter, and believing the mind of the Lord is in His people, a people that I love dearly, knowing that I never shall see many of your lovely faces in the flesh but the time will come when we shall see as we are seen and know as we are known, in my weakness I will give my reasons for loving my brethren. Love must have its object. If God had not first loved me I should not have loved him. If my poor aged afflicted wife had never existed I should never have loved her. Now as touching the bride, the Lamb's wife, she ever in the eternal mind and purpose of God did exist, nothing new nor old with him. In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God, the same was in the beginning with God, and the word was made flesh and dwelled among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, and of his fullness have we all received and grace for grace, for the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, but now the righteousness of God without the law is manifest, being witnessed by the law and the prophets, even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe, for there is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past through the forbearance of God, to declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness, that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. It is written of the prophets, and they shall be taught of God, he that hath learned of the Father cometh unto me. So no man can come unto me except the Father draw him or my Father which hath sent me draw him, for no man knoweth the Son but the Father and no man knoweth the Father but the Son and he to whom the Son will reveal him. So then it is not him that willeth nor him runneth but God that sheweth mercy. So for the promise is unto you and to your children and to them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. God commandeth his love towards us in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us, and in that He died he died unto sin once, but in that He liveth he liveth unto God: Recon ye yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. So the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. There is now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit, for the condemnation is that light is come into the world and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil. He that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh thereto lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light that they may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God, I in you and you in me, and I in the Father. You have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you that you should bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain. Marvel not if the world hate you. If you were of the world the world would love its own, but because I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you, and you shall be hated of all men for my name sake and shall speak all manner of evil of you. Rejoice ye and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven. Then fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Why, because it seems good in his sight for his own praise and glory being legally and lawfully married to Him that raised up Jesus from the dead, For thy maker is thy husband, the holy one of Israel, the Lord of hosts, shall he be called. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you who are kept by the power of God unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Peace be unto Israel and praise to God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

NATHAN ALBERTY.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

FISHER'S RIVER

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH

AT UNION, SURRY CO., N. C.,

APRIL 26TH, 1889.

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PROCEEDINGS:

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. N. Gore, of the Mill Branch Association, from Matthew 3rd chapter, 12th verse.

The Association then convened and after praise and prayer by Elder Wm. Lundy, of the Mountain Association, letters were received from the different churches and their messengers names enrolled as follows:

Deep Creek.—F. M. Lakey.
State Road.—T. P. Nixon, J. M. Wyatt, B. F. Absher.
Elk Spur.—A. Gardner, A. Hawks.
Union.—M. G. Harbour, J. G. Jones, Wm. H. Atkinson.
Franklin.—R. H. Riggin.
Hogan's Creek.—J. M. Vaughn, J. A. Wall, John Ried.
Ararat.—John Deuny, Wm. M. Stone, J. A. Ashburn.
Stuart's Creek.—T. A. Jones, H. C. Booker, Francis Jones.
Volunteer.—P. W. Laurence, F. M. Venable.
Fisher's Gap.—A. Galyen,
Cody's Creek.—N. Alberty, A. Marion, M. Pilson.
Tom's Creek.—H. Cain, W. B. Southern.
Fisher's River,—(Letter but no messengers)
Flower Gap.—C. Blackburn, F. M. McCraw, O. Hawks.
Rock Spring.—A. C. Woodruff, (no letter)
White Oak Spring.—C. C. Midcliff, E. Sutphin, (no letter)
Round Peak.—R. W. Flippin.

Then called for correspondents. Brother N. B. Orrell from Abbott's Creek. Elder J. H. Wright from Mayo. Elder W. P. Goings and brother, L. B. Alberty from the Mountain. All give evidence of their appointment and were seated in council.

Then called for visitors and from the Mountain Elder Wm. Lundy and brother Emanuel Easter. From the Mill Branch Elder D. N. Gore. From the White Oak Elder Isaac Jones. From Abbott's Creek Elder P. W. Willard, all were invited and took seats with us.

Then appointed Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator, and Elder A. M. Denny, Clerk. Then appointed Elders A. C. Woodruff and J. M. Wyatt and brother F. M. McCraw, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements.

Then appointed Elders J. H. Wright, J. M. Wyatt, and brother N. B. Orrell to preach on Saturday, and Elders Wm. Lundy, Isaac Jones and D. N. Gore to preach on Sunday. Then agreed to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock and that worship commence at the Stand each day at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned.

SATURDAY, 27TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after praise and prayer by El-

der A. M. Denny, proceeded to call the roll of messengers, correspondents and visiting brethren.

Then called for the bill of arrangements which was read and received and the committee discharged. The business of the Association was then disposed of as follows:

1st. Read the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum.

2nd. Appointed a Presbytery of Elders, to-wit: M. G Harbour, A. M. Denny, G. Denny, H. Cain and J. D. Draughn, to attend at an arm of Tom's Creek church, at Rock House, and constitute them into a church if found orthodox.

3rd. Appointed a committee, to-wit: Elders M. G. Harbour, N. Alberty, J. D. Draughn and C. Blackburn, and brethren F. M. McCraw and H. C. Booker, to visit the colored Baptist Churches in our midst and look into their order, and that they shall impart such instruction to them in behalf of this Association as they may find necessary.

4th. Appointed Elder A. M. Demy to prepare an obituary to the memory of our deceased brethren, John Hall and Edmon Denny, to be published in our next minutes.

5th. Agreed that we offer correspondence with the Mill Branch and the White Oak Associations and that our clerk inform the Mill Branch through our Elder, brother D. N. Gere, and the White Oak, through our Elder, brother Isaac Jones, who are now present with us (by minutes and by messengers, when convenient.)

6th. We offer a resolution of thanks to the people of this vicinity for their kindness shown us during this Association. Then adjourned.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk. M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

Preaching—On Saturday, 1st, N. B. Orrell, text, St. Matthew 28th chapter, 20th verse.

2nd, J. H. Wright, text, Revelations 21st chapter latter part of 9th verse.

3rd, J. M. Wyatt, text 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter, 2nd verse.

Sunday, 1st, Wm. Lundy, text, 1st Timothy, 3rd chapter, verse 16.

2nd, Issac Jones, text, Genesis 42 chapter, 8th verse.

3rd, D. N. Gere, text, St. John 14th chapter, 6th verse.

MINUTES OF THIS SAME ASSOCIATION CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT FISHER'S GAP, SURRY COUNTY, N. C., OCTOBER 25TH, 1889.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel P. Ramey, of the Pilgrim's Rest Association, Kansas, from Romans 8th chapter, 28th verse. The Association then convened and after

praise and prayer by Elder A. M. Branscomb, of the Mountain Association, letters from the different churches were received and read and minuted as follows:

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Experience.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in fellowship.	Contritions.
Fisher's River.	No Messengers.....	1	1	2	5	1	..	10	1 10
Deep Creek.....	J. M. Jones, Jessee Davis.....	4	..	..	..	..	4	29	2 00
Fisher's Gap...	E F Cain, A Galyen, I T Lunsy	3	1	..	..	..	..	51	1 15
Rock Spring ..	A. C. Woodruff, M. Wilburn..	1	2	..	..	..	1	12	1 00
Hogan's Creek.	J. M. Vaughn, J. A. Wall.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	37	1 25
Union	M G Harbour G O Key A M Denny	12	4	..	..	..	3	58	2 00
Cody's Creek..	N. Alberty.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	20	.50
Center	J. Norman, L B Alberty.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.30
Franklin	T J Lawson C W York R H Riggin	5	1	..	..	..	1	49	1 25
Rock House...	Wm. B. Southern. Geo. Nelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	.75
Ararat.....	G. Denny R. R. Key Aaron Fulk	18	..	2	3	1	1	64	2 10
Flower Gap....	O. Hawks, J. C. McCraw.....	2	1	..	..	..	2	59	1 70
Volunteer	P. R. Sams.....	4	..	..	1	..	..	30	1 55
White Oak Sp'g	C. C. Midcliff.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	.50
Elk Spur.....	A. Gardner, A. Hawks.	1	..	..	2	..	..	30	.75
Round Peak ..	A Vaughn, R W Flippin, D Barker	6	2	..	..	..	3	20	.75
State Road....	J M Wyatt, B F Absher, T F Nixon	2	..	..	..	..	..	43	1 40
Stuart's Creek.	H C Booker J R Jones W Nicholas	9	..	..	..	..	..	70	2 50
Tom's Creek...	H. Cain.....	2	..	1	1	..	1	40	1 25
	Contribtion by Elder S P Ramey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.25

Then called for correspondents when from the Mountain Elders W. P. Going, A. M. Branscomb and C. H. Collins and brother A. A. Johnson reported. From Roaring River, Elder W. P. Kilby and brethren J. M. Joins and W. H. Stantliff reported.

Then called for visitors when from the Mountain Elder Wm. Lundy and brethren David Brindle, Wesley Brindle, Noah Horn, A. J. Carrico, W. E. Burchum and Calvin Gentry reported. Elder S. P. Ramey from Pilgrim's Rest and a file of minutes from the Abbott's Creek all were invited and took seats with us. Then elected Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator, and Elder A. M. Denny, Clerk. Then appointed brethren H. C. Booker and J. M. Jones a committee on Finance.

Then elected Elders T. J. Lawson and J. M. Wyatt, and brother H. C. Booker with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements.

Then elected Elders W. P. Kilby, W. P. Going and T. J. Lawson to preach on Saturday, and Elders J. M Wyatt, Wm. Lundy and S. P. Ramey, to preach on Sunday.

Agreed that we meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock and that worship commence each day at the stand at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned

OCTOBER, 26TH.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder W. P. Kilby. Called the roll of messengers, correspondents and visitors. Then called for the bill of arrangements which was read and received and the Committee discharged.

The business of the Association was then taken up and disposed of as follows:

1st. Read the Covenant Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

2nd. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to Rock House, to report who reported that they attended and constituted them into a church.

3rd. Called upon the committee appointed to visit the colored churches to report, who reported that they attended and that from all the evidence they could get they considered them orthodox, but further evidence being produced, shows that one, Elder Copeney, who is the pastor of one of their churches, yet stands as an excluded member of Tom's Creek Church, which still renders them in disorder. Therefore, we appoint Elders J. D. Draughn and brethren H. C. Booker and F. M. McCraw to again visit him and admonish him to go to Tom's Creek and make satisfaction there and get a letter of dismission in order.

4th. Called upon correspondents appointed to sister Associations to report who reported that some of them attended and those who did not were excused.

5th. Appointed a Presbytery of Elders to-wit: A. C. Woodruff, G. Denny, A. M. Denny, M. G. Harbour, E. F. Cain and J. D. Draughn, to attend at Union Church and examine the call and qualification brethren G. O. Key, and Wm. H. Atkinson and set them apart to the ordinance of the goepel ministry if found qualified.

6th. Agreed to have the Articles of Faith published in our minutes.

7th. Called for Circular Letter and Obituaries of brethren John Hall and Edmond Denny which was read and received.

8th. Query No. 1. Is it gospel order for churches to hold members in fellowship who are indulging in known violations of the laws of our country by running blockade stills or otherwise. Answer No.

9th. Query 2. Is it gospel order for ministers to use politics in preaching. Answer No.

10th. Called upon the Committee on Finance to report, who reported that they received from the churches at this time $24 06. The clerk reports a balance on hand from last year, - 9.80.

11th. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Abbott's Creek Elders J. D. Draughn, A. C. Woodruff, and brother J. A. Ashburn. To Mayo Elders G. Denny, J. D. Draughn, A. C. Woodruff, J. M. Wyatt, H. Cain and A. M. Denny, and brethren J. A. Ashburn and W. M. Stone. To Smith's River Elders M. G Harbour, H. Cain, and A. Gardner. To New River Elders J. D. Draughn A. C. Woodruff and M. G. Harbour and brethren J. R. Jones and H. C. Booker. To the Mountain Elders J. D. Draughn, T. J. Lawson, E. F. Cain, A. C. Woodruff and bretheren J. Norman, H. C. Booker, B. F. Absher, M. Wilbourn. To Center Elders E. F. Cain, J. D. Draughn, T. J. Lawson and A. Gardner, and brother B. F, Absher. To Roaring River Elders J. M. Wyatt, A. C. Woodruff and T. J. Lawson, and brethren T. P. Nixon, C. W. York, J. Norman, M. Wilbourn, G. W. Jones, B. F. Absher and Wm. Nicholas. To White Oak Elders J. D. Draughn and A. M. Denny, and that we send a file of our minutes to the Mill Branch. Agreed that we still correspond with Little River and the Keehnkee Association by minutes. Agreed that we offer correspondence with the County Line Association and we appoint Elders J. D. Draughn and A. C. Woodruff to visit them at their next Association.

12th, Agreed that we dispose of the Spring term of our Association and that the next term of our Association be held with the Church at Rock House two miles north of the Rock House in Stokes county, N. C., to convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1890.

13th. We request the churches of this Association to express in their letters to our next Association whether or not they wish to adopt the organization of Section Meetings.

14th. Appointed brother H. C. Booker to prepare obituaries of our deceased brethren T. R. Hall and Henry Hawks by our next Association.

15th Appointed Elder G. Denny to prepare a Circular Letter by our next Association. N. B. Center and Rock House Churches duly petitioned by letter and messengers for admission into this Association. Center also produced a letter of admission in due form from the Mountain Association and was received, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

16th. Agreed that our Clerk have 900 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as usual.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk. M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

Preaching.—The brethren appointed to preach on Saturday filled their appointment but the Clerk failed to get their text.

On Sunday the brethren appointed preached as follows: Elder Wm. Lundy lead from Isiah 6th chapter and latter part of of 1st verse. Elder J. M. Wyatt followed from Matthew 1st chapter, 21st verse. Elder S. P. Ramey closed from 1st Kings 18th chap. 24th verse.

OBITUARY.

JOHN HALL was born in Randolph county, N. C., on the 14th day of April, 1796. He was the son of Thomas Hall, who moved to Yadkin county, N. C., where he lived until his death. He was married first to Mis Nancy Kerr who bore unto him five children, one son and four daughters. In the date of 1856 his wife died. He was married the second time on the 15th day of June, 1858, to Mrs. Barsheba Jones, who died on the 2nd of November, 1868. He was then married the third time to Mrs. Mary Marion, on July 4th, 1870. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Deep Creek, in June, 1848. He was soon called to the Deaconship of said church which office he filled in faithfulness until his death which occurred on the 11th of March, 1887, aged 90 years, 10 months and 28 days.

EDMON DENNY was born and lived and died in Surry county, N. C. He was a son of Azariah Denny. He was born on the 5th day of October, 1811. He also professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Ararat and was called to the office of Deacon which office he filled until his death. He also served the church in the capacity of clerk for many years. His death occurred on the 14th day of December, 1887, aged 76 years, 3 months and 9 days. He was married to Miss Francis H. Farris, who bore unto him five children, two sons and three daughters. She was also a devoted member of the Baptist church and was called from him by death on the ——of ——18—. Thus the subjects of our notice who were the highly favored of God, after living up to a ripe old age, fell victims to death, leaving their families, their churches, and their long line of acquaintance to mourn in bereavement, but their loss to us is only a matter of time while to them it is gain eternal. While we must suffer in bereavement only for a time, we still have their pious tracks to trace which often calls our enquiring minds after them to their present mansion of rest. They were often appointed by their respective churches to represent them in the Association which appointment they were faithful to fill and then return to their homes and churches and report the order of their mission but now they are gone to the general Association above never to return but to remain in the perfect praise and presence of God forever.

So we say to their families and to their churches and to all who mourn their loss, let us not grieve for them but let us pray for ourselves and for our children and for our neighbors and their children that when the cold messenger of death shall summon us from time, that we may like them end our course in righteousness and go after them to the glorious mansion house of the Lord that we may join with them and all the redeemed of the Lord in rendering undivided praise to God the Father Son and Holy Ghost in a world without end.

A. M. DENNY.

Circular Letter.

Dear Brethren:—As I was appointed to write a Circular Letter I will try to write a few lines from Romans 10th chapter, 1st verse. Brethren my heart's desire, and prayer to God for Israel, is that they might be saved. Now who was Israel? I understand there was a national Israel and a spiritual Israel, and it was said to Israel "O Israel thou hast destroyed thyself but in me is thy help." Then man has passed over his bounds and has no cloak for his sins, but some seem to think that God did predestinate every thing that comes to pass. That would make God the author of sin, but let no man say when he is tempted that he is tempted of God for God cannot be tempted with evil neither tempteth he any man. But let all men know when they are tempted that they are drawn away of their own lust and when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin and sin when it is finished it bringeth forth death, so the soul that sins it shall die.

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. But they have a zeal God but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Wherefore because they sought it not by faith but as it were by the works of the law.

Then man in nature's night is in darkness and the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light and that light shines into the sinner s heart and shows him his sins. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ear of the deaf unstopped. Then the poor sinner gets sick of sin. He sees his lost condition. Then he mourns on account of his own sins. He tries to do something good but all seems to fail Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and the Lord delivered them out of their trouble and led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation whose builder and maker is God. Then they are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, for Christ is the end of the law for rightcousness to every one that believeth. Then he says I am the way and I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotton Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Then as many as are led by the spirit of God are the Sons of God. Now brethren can we believe that God leads men in so many ways. There are many ways that are wrong but one right way, and while one preaches justification by works and another preaches that the destiny of all men was fixed before the world began. What shall we say? We are justified by faith and faith comes by hearing and it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast and faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Then my heart's desire is that Israel might be saved for the Lord hath said in speaking of Israel that when Israel was a child I loved

him, but though the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved, And Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on Him thas sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." The God that made the world hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him though he be not far from every one of us, what shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound, God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? Let not sin reign in your mortal bodies that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin but yield yourselves to God as those that are alive from the dead

Dear Brethren, I feel sometimes that I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes, for the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us who are saved it is the power of God. So I believe the power of God can reach the dead sinner's heart. I have just come to the place to start but I must stop. So farewell.

T. J. LAWSON.

Articles of Faith.

Article 1st. Of God and the Holy Trinity. We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after the council of His own will, who created all things (sin excepted) is infinite in wisdom, power, knowledge and goodness. Eternal, invisibie, and unchangeable. There are three which are of one essence in an eternity. God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Article 2. Of the Holy Scriptures. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice. That they are given by inspiration of God and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Article 3. Of the Atonement. We believe that Christ died for and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe in his name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth His praise.

4th. Of Foreknowledge, Election, and Predestination. We believe that whom God did foreknow, he also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son. That God elected according to His foreknowledge, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true saints and that none come to Christ, only those whom he loved with an everlasting love, and in due time called to his everlasting glory.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

NAME.	POST OFFICE	STATE.
M. G. Harbour, -	Copeland, Surry County,	N. C.
Nathan Alberty, - -	Rusk, " "	"
T. J. Lawson, -	Edwardsville, " "	"
J. D. Draughn, - -	White Plains, " "	"
Gabriel Denny, -	Pilot Mount'n " "	"
C. B. Denny, - -	" " " "	"
A. M. Denny, -	Stony Ridge, " "	"
*Henry Shore, - -	Charity, " "	"
Henderson Cain -	Westfield, " "	"
A. C. Woodruff, - -	Boonville, Yadkin "	"
John Moran, -	Big Creek, Stokes "	"
Alexander Moran, -	Danbury, " "	"
Calvin Blackburn, -	Aaron, Carroll "	Va.
Abner Gardner, - -	Fancy Gap, Carroll "	"
John Willey, - -	Low Gap; Surry "	N. C.
*C. J. Draughn, -	White Plains, " "	"
*Hugh Creed, - -	Low Gap, " "	"
*Wm. H. Atkinson, -	Ash Hill, " "	"
*G. W. Jones, -	White Plains, " "	"
J. M. Wyatt, - -	Roaring Gap, Wilkes "	"
*B. F. Absher, -	Austin, " "	"
*T. P. Nixon, - -	Kapp's Mills, Surry "	"
*S. C. Jones, -	Winston, Forsyth "	"
*Wm. M. Stone, - -	Pilot Mountain, Surry "	"
*G. O. Key, -	Ash Hill, " "	"
*R. R. Key, - -	" " " "	"
*Jesse A. Ashburn, -	Pilot Mountain, " "	"
E. F. Cain, -	Low Gap, " "	"

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NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESS.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Wm. B. Gates,	Ararat, Patrick County, Virginia.
M G. Harbour,	Copeland, Surry County, North Carolina.
Nathan Alberty,	Rusk, " " " "
T. J. Lawson,	Edwardsville " " " "
J. D. Draughn,	White Plains " " " "
G. Denny,	Pilot M'nt'n, " " " "
C. B. Denny,	Pilot M'nt'n, " " " "
A. M. Denny,	Pilot M'nt'n, " " " "
Henry Shore,‡	Charity, " " " "
d. Cain,	Westfield, " " " "
A. C. Woodruff,	Boonville, Yadkin " " " "
J. Moran,	Big Creek, Stokes " " " "
A. Moran,	Danberry, " " Virginia.
A. ardner,	Fancy Gap, Carroll " North Carolina.
Jo n Willey,	Lowgap, Surry " " "
C. J. Draughan,‡	White Plains " " " "
W. H. Atkinson,	Ash Hill, " " " "
G. W. Jones,‡	Siloam, " " " "
J. M. Wyatt,	Roaring Gap " " " "
S. C. Jones,‡	Mt. Airy, " " " "
Wm. M. Stone,	Delk, Stokes " " " "
G. O. Key,	Pilot M'nt'n, Surry " " " "
R. R. Key,	Ash Hill, " " " "
J. A. Ashburn,	Pilot M'nt'n, " " " "
H. D. Mickey,	Delk, Stokes " " " "

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PROCEEDINGS.

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FRIDAY, April 20th, 1894.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Isaac Jones from 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter and part of 2nd verse: "Preach the word."

After intermission the messengers assembled in order.

Praise and prayer by Elder E. M. Barnard.

Letters were then received from the churches and their messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Ararat—G. Denny, J. D. Key.
Hogans Creek—L. A. Wood, W. F. Whitaker, F. Reid.
Volunteer—Wm. M. Shane, H. D. Mickey.
Fishers Gap—A. Galyean.
Codys Creek—N. Alberty, A. Marion.
Franklin—T. J. Lawson, C. W. York, R. H. Riggin.
Liberty—R. T. Pilson, L. B. Alberty, M. Pilson.
State Road—J. M. Wyatt, J. M. Royal, T. P. Nixon.
Zion Hill—Wm. Golding, G. W. Carver.
Fisher's River—Wiley Riggs.
Rock House—J. A. Ashburn, L. G. Collins, J. G. Southern.
Stuarts Creek—Job Jackson, Wm. Nicholas.
Round Peak—R. W. Flippin, A. Vaughan.
Rock Spring—A. C. Woodruff, M. Wilbourn.
Flower Gap—Osbourn Hawks, J. C. McCraw.
Toms Creek—C. L. Arrington.
Deep Creek—D. M. Fletcher.
Elk Spur—A. Gardner, J. J. Ayers.
Dover—J. D. Draughan, J. M. Garden.
Union—M. G. Harbour, W. H. Atkinson, W. J. Key.
Mulberry—S. B. Jones, R. R. Draughan, R. P. Phillips.

Then called for correspondents. J. W. Flippin from Mayo, and Elder Wm. Hawkins from the Mountain reported and were seated.

Then called for visiting Elders, E. M. Brown from Mayo, and Isaac Jones from Mill Branch were also seated.

Then chose Elder M. G Harbour Moderator and A. H. Denny Clerk.

Then elected Elders J. M. Wyatt, G. Denny and Bro. Wm. Golding, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements.

Then elected Elders T. J. Lawson, J. M. Wyatt and W. H. At-

kinson to preach on Saturday, and Elders Isaac Jones, E. M. Barnard and Wm. Hawkins to preach on Sunday; worship to commence each day at 10 o'clock. Then adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

April 22nd. Met pursuant to adjournmet. Prayer by Elder J. A. Ashburn.

Called for the bill of arrangements which was received and the Committee discharged. The business was then disposed of as follows.

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

2nd. Read the rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to Volunteer church to report, who reported that they attended on the 3rd Sunday in December, 1893, and set apart Bro. H. D. Mickey to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

4th Ordered that the churches of this Association look after their licensed members who are not preaching and call in their license and that they shall not allow their members to preach without license out of the bounds of their church, except in the presence of ordained authority.

5th. Appointed a presbytery of Elders viz: W. H. Atkinson, J. A. Ashburn, W. M. Stone and M. G. Harbour to go to Tom's Creek Church and examine the call and qualification of Bro. Abram King (col) and set him apart to the work of the ministry, if found qualified.

6th. Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to buy a new Association book and pay for it out of the Association fund in his hands

7th. Offered a resolution of thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their kindness during this Association. Then adjourned.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk. M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

PREACHING.

The brethren appointed preached Saturday as follows: 1st, Elder T. J. Lawson lead in the services and preached from 1st John, 4th chapter, 8th verse, "He that loveth not knoweth not God, etc;" 2nd, Elder J. M. Wyatt followed from Ephesians, 2nd chapter, 4 and 5th verses, "But God who is rich in mercy, etc;" 3rd, Elder W. H. Atkinson closed from 1st Peter, 4th chapter. 11th verse, "If any man speak let him speak as the oracles of God, etc:" Sunday, Elder W. Hawkins preached first, from John. 6th chapter, 28th and 29th verses, "Then said they unto Him, etc;" 2nd. Elder Isaac Jones followed from Ruth, 1st chapter, 16th and 17th verses, "Entreat me not to leave thee, etc;,, 3rd. Elder E. M. Barnard closed from 1st John, 4th chapter, part of the 18th verse, "There is no fear in love."

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MINUTES OF THE SAME ASSOCIATION, CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT DOVER, SURRY COUNTY, N. C. OCT., 26, 1894.

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The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. J. Lawson from 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter, 4th verse, "Preach the word, etc." The messengers then assembled in order. Prayer by Elder E. E. Lundy. Letters were then received from the different messengers and their names enrolled in the statistical table.

Then called for correspondents. Elder E. M. Barnard and Bro. T. J. Southern reported from Mayo, Elder J. E. Atkinson from Smiths River, Elder E. E. Lundy and Bro. Bennett Rector from the Mountain, Elder J. M. Crouse and Bro. C. M. Crouse with a letter from Roaring River, Bro. S. J. Hall from Country Line, and a file of minutes was received from New River,

Then called for visiting Elders, none present.

Then chose Elder M. G. Harbour, Moderator and A. M. Denny, Clerk.

Then elected ministers as follows: J. M. Wyatt, J. E. Atkinson and W. H. Atkinson to preach on Saturday and E. M. Barnard, E E. Lundy and J. M. Crouse to preach on Sunday, worship to commence each day at 10 o'clock.

Then elected J. M. Wyatt, G. Denny and W. H. Atkinson with the Moderator and Clerk a committe of arrangements.

Then appointed S. B. Jones and J. C. McCraw a committee of finance.

Then called for the circular letter which was presented by Elder J. A. Ashburn and reported to the Committee of arrangements.

Then adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow.

SATURDAY, Oct. 27th.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder G. Denny. Called for the bill of arrangements which was received and committee discharged. The business was then disposed of as follows:

1st. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

2nd. Read the Rules of Decorum.

3rd. Called for the obituary of W. P. Going, which was not prepared, and the appointment was continued to our next fall association.

4th. Read the circular letter and ordered it annexed to our minutes.

5th. Called upon the Presbytery appointed to Toms Creek church to report, who reported that they attended and found Bro. King unsound in faith and therefore did not ordain him.

6th. Agreed that we continue to hold two Associations a year as usual.

7th. Appointed a Presbytery of Elders, viz: M. G. Harbour, J. D. Draughan and W. H. Atkinson to attend at an arm of Flower Gap Church at Mountain View School House, Patrick Co. Va., and constitute them into a church if found qualified.

8th. Appointed Elders M. G. Harbour, J. M. Wyatt and W. H. Atkinson to attend at State Road Church and set apart Bro. J. M. Royal to the work of the ministry if found qualified.

9th Called upon those appointed to sister associations as correspondents to report, some of whom attended and those who did not were excused.

10th. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To Abbots Creek—C. B. Denny, J. D. Draughan.

Mayo—P. H. Tilly, A. C. Woodruff.

Smiths River—G. Denny, M. G. Harbour.

New River—J. D. Draughan, H. C. Booker.

Mountain—H. C. Booker, R. H. Riggen.

Center—T. J. Lawson, C. B. Denny.

Roaring River—L. B. Alberty, A. C. Woodruff—

Country Line—J. D. Draughan, W. H. Atkinson.

Agreed that we still correspond with Little River, Kehukee, Mill Branch and White Oak associations by minutes.

11th. Agreed to withhold writing the obituary of Elder C. Blackburn for the present.

12th. Whereas a letter is on file with us from the faction of Little River association known as the Parker faction or element, in answer to which we say, we are not in the seat of judgement, but will say to you that we learn that the different associations of that country were in council when you were disowned, and that we cannot disregard their decision, but will say to you to labor in a gospel way to gain fellowship and we think that peace will be restored.

13th. Agreed that our next association be held with Ararat Church at Cedar Hill, 3 miles west of Pilot Mountain, Surry Co., N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1895, and that our next fall association be held with the church at Round Peak, 12 miles west of Mt. Airy, Surry Co. N. C., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1895.

14th. Called upon the committee of Finance who reported that they received from churches at this time, $24.23, and the clerk reports a remainder from last year, 3.42.

15th. Agreed that the clerk have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them as usual.

16th. Ordered that the clerk send a copy of the 12th item of

these minutes to the above named faction of the Little River Association.

17th. Offered thanks to the brethren and kind friends of this vicinity for their kindness during this association. Then adjourned.

A. M. DENNY, Clerk, M. G. HARBOUR, Moderator.

PREACHING.

Saturday, 1st, J. M, Wyat, text, 2nd Peter, 3rd chapter, 9th verse, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, etc;" 2nd, J E. Atkinson, text, 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter, 15th verse, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, etc:" 3rd, W. H. Atkinson, text, 1st Corinthians, 2nd chapter, part of the 10th verse, "For the Spirit searcheth all things, etc." Sunday, 1st, E. E. Lundy, text, Mathew, 24th chapter, 24th and 25th verses, "Behold I have told you before, etc;" 2nd, E. M. Barnard, Romans, 6th chapter, 12th and 13th verses, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, etc;" 3rd J. M. Crouse, text, Ephesians, 2nd chapter, 10th verse, "For we are his workmanship, etc."

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TO THE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH GOD.

DEAR BRETHREN IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE:—At our last general assembly of the first born, or last association I remember you appointed me to prepare a circular letter to be annexed to our minutes. I feel that a much better choice could have been made, yet as the mind of the Lord is with his people, their choice is his choice, hence in fear of him I yield to the task

I feel inclined to write on the subject of Christian fellowship, and as a starting point will quote 1st John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light we shall have fellowship one with another," &c. The first thing necessary for walking in the light is to have light, or be in the light. How shall we obtain this light, and what is the light? I will quote John 1:6-7: "There was a man sent from God whose name was John, the same came for a witness to bear witness of the light," &c. John was not the light, but a witness of the light. Jesus was and is the light. John 1:11-13. John testifies of the light saying, "He came unto his own (kindred in the flesh) and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born not of the blood, nor of the will of man, but of God." We see that only those born of God (or of the Spirit) receive the true light. Nicodemus was a ruler among the Jews (kin folks in the flesh to Jesus) and yet he knew not these things. Jesus told him he could not see the kingdom of God without being born again. Without the true light we cannot see the kingdom of God.

We cannot love what we cannot see. We, in nature's night, (like Bartimeus) are blind

having not the light, but love the darkness because the deeds are evil: hut with him that is born of God "The darkness is past and the true light now shineth" He can see the kingdom of Heaven and the heirs of the kingdom, because he has the light and they are in the light. The anointing he has received teaches him. He needeth not that any man teach him to see the kingdom or the heirs of the kingdom, or the gifts of the church. Why? Because the Spirit teaches him. "His Spirit beareth witness with our Spirit." When one is born of the Spirit he can see the church, and loves the church, also he desires to be attached to the church, then the Spirit beareth witness, and we love each other. If we have not this witness we have no fellowship If we cry peace, peace, where there is no peace, or fellowship where there is no fellowship, we lie, and God will punish us. We are not walking in the light. We in this way deceive and are often being deceived. This is the starting point of trouble in Zion. Eve, being deceived, sinned. Adam, being persuaded, sinned, thus trouble began, Satan in the garden destroying true obedience to God, sowing seeds of discord, scattering hatred, jealousy, strife, seditions, emulations, heresy, lying, murder &c Whom we receive one of Satan's children into the church we have part or all these things to contend with. If any person rich or poor, bond or free, black or white, high or low, offers to join the church it is our duty to have no respect of persons, but if their testimony heareth witness with ours and we feel our hearts burn with love for them we should receive them; if not, we should not. Sometimes we feel cold and lifeless when one comes for membership, he talks and gets through, we are yet cold, he fails to warm us, our hearts do not burn with love for him. We say in our minds he is a gentleman, or a clever fellow, or, I never heard much or any harm about him, or he is honest of kind, or something else. We have no christian fellowship for him, but receive him as a member. We are not walking in the light but keeping back that internal or eternal light, and acting from outward or fleshy appearance or emotions, and instead of building fellowship we are destroying it We are not working out our salvation with fear and trembling, but piercing ourselves with many sorrows. Again, when received we find a brother impressed or in trouble; he says he feels some impression, he don't know what is the matter. We begin to interrogate him and find he wants to preach and to prove he can preach he sets in to whip out the Arminians and show the faults, slips and misquotations of all the preaching brethren. We don't exactly feel satisfied that God has called him to "Feed the sheep," or take the oversight of the flock but we set him apart to the work of the ministry. We are not walking in the light or working out the salvation God has worked within us. These things have I mentioned, and if space would permit, many more I might mention, such as the paying of honest debts, visiting the sick, keeping out of secret organizations, attending church meetings &c., together with being gentle, easily entreated, courteous, loving, forgiving, not sowing to the flesh but to the Spirit, and as much as within us lies living peacefully with all men. While these things will not save us eternally, they will save us from the outward and wicked which is the sword of the Lord, and also add to our enjoyment in the fellowship of the brethren. The Saviour, in speaking of our duties toward God, says, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." Why are we happy? Because we have fellowship with Christ, and all the brethren. We all love those who perform their duty, who let their light shine, or abide in the light and love hides the multitude of faults. There is no pen or tongue that can describe the joy of true christian fellowship, that oneness with God, with his son Jesus, with all the brethren, that flow of love, forgiveness, union, hearts melting or blending together in a holy kiss, that hope of eternal happiness, no more to be parted by war, famine, pestilence, sickness or death, no more to be tempted by Satan, or allured into sin by the things of the world, no more to be separated by confusion in Zion. Dear brethren, my heart swells with emotions too big for utterance when I can realize that I have fellowship with the sons of the living God. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all is my earnest desire for Jesus' sake.

JESSE A. ASHBURN.

NAME OF CHURCH.	TIME of HOLDING CHURCH MEETING.	NAME OF CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Liberty,	1st. Sunday.	L. B. Alberty,	Cody.	Surry,	N. C.
Round Peak,	4th "	A. Vaughan,	Round Peak,	"	"
Rock Spring,	4th. "	M Welbourn,	Mosley,	"	"
Franklin,	3rd. "	R. H. Riggin,	Edwardsville,	"	"
Ararat,	2nd. "	John Denny,	Pilot Mountain,	"	"
Volunteer,	3rd "	P. W. Lawrence,	Pilot Mountain,	"	"
Stuarts Creek,	3rd. "	S. J. Booker,	Mt. Airy,	"	"
State Road,	2nd. "	T P. Nixon,	Kapps Mills,	"	"
Toms Creek,	1st. "	J W. Love,	Mt. Airy,	"	"
Fisher's Gap,	2nd. "	J. Dicken.	Lowgap,	"	"
Mulberry,	1st. "	S. B. Jones,	Rusk,	"	"
Codys Creek,	3rd. "				
Union,	4th. "	W. J. Key,	Ash Hill,	"	"
Fisher's River,	2nd. "	G. W. Jones,	Siloam,	"	"
Hogans Creek,	1st. "	J. A. Wall,	Copeland,	"	"
Zion Hill,	2nd "	Wm. Golding,	Round Peak,	"	"
Rock House,	2nd. "	J. E. Tilley,	Brown Mountain,	Stokes,	"
Deep Creek,	3rd. "	Wm. D. Spencer	Bean Shoals,	Yadkin,	"
Flower Gap,	1st. "	J. C. McCraw,	Aaron,	Carrol,	Va.
Elk Spur,	2nd. "	J. J. Ayers,	Elk Spur,	"	"
Dover,	4th "	G. J. Draughn,	White Plains,	Surry,	N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dism'd by Lett'r	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Mulberry,	R. P. Phillips, S. B. Jones, R. R. Draughan,	0	0	2	0	5	0	28	1 00
Flower Gap,	F. M. McCraw, J. C. McCraw,	16	0	0	0	0	3	78	2 33
Deep Creek,	J. W. Angel, F. M. Lakey,	2	0	0	0	1	3	23	1.50
Liberty	R. T. Pilson, L. B. Alberty, J. W. Jones,	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1.00
Volunteer,	Wm. M Stone, F. M. Venable, P. R. Sams,	4	0	0	0	0	1	42	1.70
Rock House,	J. G Southern, J. W. Stanley, J. E. Tilley,	21	6	0	0	2	1	45	1 45
Dover.	J. D Draughan, J. M. Garden, Wm Jones	0	2	0	0	0	0	19	.75
Stuarts Creek,	H. C. Booker, Job. Jackson, T. A Jones,	1	2	1	0	0	1	63	1.75
Hogans Creek	J. M Reid, J. W. Wall, J. C. Flippin,	9	1	0	1	0	1	51	1.25
Ararat,	F. R Stone, John Denny, G. Denny,	0	0	1	1	0	0	64	2 15
Franklin	T. J. Lawson, R. H Riggin, Jr., R. H. Riggen, Sr.	0	0	2	0	0	3	38	1 00
Toms Creek	J. W Love,	5	0	0	0	0	1	60	1.10
Elk Spur	J. J. Ayers, A Hanks,	2	0	0	0	0	4	34	.75
Fisher's Gap	A. Galyean, C. Goodson,	9	0	0	0	0	0	51	1.00
Fisher's River,	G. W. Jones, Wiley Riggs	2	0	0	0	2	1	12	.85
Round Peak,	W. D. Vaughan, A. Vaughan,	0	1	0	0	0	1	15	.55
State Road,	J. M Wyatt, J. M. Royal,	4	0	0	0	0	2	48	1.00
Union	M. G. Harbour, G. O. Key, J. W. Jones,	0	3	0	2	0	3	46	1.75
Rock Spring,	A. C. Woodruff,	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	.35
Zion Hill,	Wm. Golding,	5	1	0	0	0	1	31	1.00
Codys Creek,	Not Represented.								

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LIST OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

ELDERS.

M. G. Harbour ..... R. 1, Rockford, N. C.
J. D. Draughn ..... R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. Denny ..... R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
A. M. Denny ..... R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
C. B. Denny ..... R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
H. Cain ..... R. 3, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
John Moran ..... Dan River, N. C.
G. O. Key ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson ..... R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
J. A. Ashburn ..... R. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
H. D. Mickey ..... R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
Wm. M. Stone ..... R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal ..... Roaring Gap, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ..... Rock House, N. C.
O. J. Denny ..... Greensboro, N. C.
C. F. Denny ..... Greensboro, N. C.
F. P. Stone ..... R. F. D., Francisco, N. C.
George Denny ..... Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed ..... R. 1, Siloam, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

[illegible]rlie Stone ..... Siloam, N. C.
[illegible]. Key ..... Ararat, N. C.
[illegible]undy ..... Low Gap, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. M. G. Harbour, of this Association. Text: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles," etc.—Ephesians 3:8.

After an intermission the messengers assembled in the house with prayer by Elder M. B. Martin.

1. Letters from the different churches were read and the contents placed in Statistical Table.

2. Called for correspondents and visiting brethren from sister associations, when the following came forward and were seated: New River, J. H. Cruise; Zion, J. H. McCraw, O. Hawks and Elder Wesley Brindle. Visitors, W. D. Vaugh, Noah Horn, Sydney Smith and R. S. Creed; Mountain, Calvin Gentry, A. J. Galyen, and Elder M. B. Martin (visitor); Senter, Elder J. A. Cave (visitor); Silver Creek, W. A. Draughn (visitor).

3. Elected Elder A. M. Denny Moderator, and J. A. Ashburn Clerk for the ensuing year.

4. Appointed Elders F. P. Stone and J. M. Royal to occupy the pulpit Friday evening.

5. Elected Elders M. G. Harbour, W. H[illegible] kinson and J. D. Draughn a Committee on Arr[illegible] ments.

6. Appointed brethren L. B. Alberty and J. Taylor a Committee on Finance.

7. Appointed D. Collins, Elders M. G. Har[illegible] and J. D. Draughn a Committee on Corresponde[illegible]

8. Appointed Albert Smith, S. A. Taylor and M. W. Noonkester to serve with the delegates of Franklin church to arrange the preaching for Saturday and Sunday, who reported that Elders James Creed, J. A. Cave and M. B. Martin should preach Saturday, and Elders Wesley Brindle, M. B. Martin and J. A. Cave to preach on Sunday.

9. Agreed that no elder who is entitled to a seat in this body shall have a right to vote unless he is a delegate from his church.

10. Agreed that the Association meet at 9 o'clock Saturday, and that worship commence at 10 o'clock each day.

11. Then adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1906.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder J. D. Draughn, proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for the report of the Committee on Arrangements. Their report was adopted and they were discharged.

2. Called the roll.

3. Read the Covenant, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

4. Called on correspondents to report. Some of them had attended, and reported peace and prosperity. Those who failed to attend were excused.

5. The Committee on Correspondence reported as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elders J. D. Draughn,

O. J. Denny, and C. F. Denny; Mountain, Elders J. M. Royal, W. H. Atkinson, and Brother L. B. Alberty; New River, Elders J. A. Ashburn, J. D. Draughn, and G. O. Key; Mayo, Brother D. Collins and Elders H. D. Mickey, and J. D. Draughn; Smiths River, Elders J. A. Ashburn, C. B. Denny, and A. M. Denny; Zion, Elders M. G. Harbour, G. Denny, and W. H. Atkinson.

6. Called for the report of Presbyteries. The Presbytery appointed to Ararat reported the ordination of Brother George Denny to the office of Elder. The Presbytery appointed to Union, reported the ordination of Brother James Creed to the office of Elder.

7. Called for the obituaries of Deacons Harrison Hanes and T. P. Nixon, of State Road church, and also that of H. C. Booker, of Stuarts Creek church. Those of Brethren Hanes and Nixon were received, read and ordered printed; but as Eld. Key had again failed to write that of H. C. Booker, Eld. A. M. Denny was appointed to do so.

8. In compliance with the request of Stuarts Creek, Elders M. G. Harbour, A. M. Denny and W. H. Atkinson were appointed as a Presbytery to the arm of said church at Laurel Springs and c tute or organize a church if found orthodox.

9. Agreed that in the future we will hold Associations on the first Sunday in November, on Friday and Saturday before, in each year.

10. Agreed to advise the churches not to gr letters of admission to parties desiring a chang

membership from one church to another until the church to which he is expecting to join, requests such letter.

11. Agreed to advise the churches to insist on their pastors to serve them at each church meeting, and also to insist on their preachers, who have not regular appointments of their own, to make appointments for themselves, and be prompt in filling them, and not impose themselves on the congregations of others.

12. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Liberty, six miles north of Rockford, Surry County, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and first Sunday in November, 1907.

13. The Finance Committee reported :

Received from the churches.....		$23.92
Balance from last year.....		1.24
Paid for printing minutes	$15.00	
Paid clerk....	10.00	
Balance in hands of clerk.....	.16	
Total.....	$25.16	$25.16

14. Agreed that 1000 copies of these minutes be printed and distributed as usual.

15. Offered a resolution of thanks.

A. M. DENNY, Moderator.

A. ASHBURN, Clerk.

PREACHING.

FRIDAY—Elder F. P. Stone, from John 14:3. Elder J. M. Royal, m Acts 20:28.

SATURDAY—Eld. James Creed, from Matt. 14:44. Elder J. A. ve, from Luke 19:37, 38. Elder M. B. Martin, from 1 Cor. 15:57.

SUNDAY—Elder Wesley Brindle, from John 1:5. Elder M. B. rtin, from Isaiah 27:13. Elder J. A. Cave, from Obediah 1:21.

OBITUARIES OF DEACONS T. P. NIXON AND HARRISON HANES.

Being appointed for that purpose, I will write the obituaries of Brother T. P. Nixon and Brother Harrison Hanes, deacons of the church at State Road.

Brother Nixon was born May 25, 1832, and died April 13, 1904, aged 72 years; and Brother Hanes was born about 1817, and died May 15, 1905, aged about 88 years.

These brethren received a hope in Christ in early life. Brother Nixon joined the church at Rockford, and Brother Hanes at Cool Springs, in Roaring River Association. They removed their membership to State Road, where they were chosen deacons, but I have failed to get the dates. They served the church faithfully until death. Brother Nixon was elected church clerk also, and served faithfully till death.

They were good citizens and faithful brethren, and are much missed by the church. They have finished their course in this life; and, I believe, they have fought a good fight, and kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for them a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give them at that day, and not to them only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

J. M. ROYAL.

CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	No. of Minutes
Albion	M.Z. Hollingsworth	R. 1, Brim, N.C.	38
Ararat	Geo. Denny	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	52
Deep Creek	W. D. Spencer	R. 2, Siloam, N. C.	39
Dover	W. A. Nichols	R. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.	13
Fishers River	M. L. Gordon		48
Fishers Gap	Jesse Dickens	Low Gap, N. C.	28
Franklin	R. H. Riggin	Dobson, N. C.	28
Hogans Creek	Frederick Reid,	R. 1, Siloam, N. C.	16
Liberty	L. B. Alberty	R. 2, Rusk, N. C.	32
Little Vine	J. M. Wood	Dobson, N. C.	25
Mountain View	T. J. Gates	Ararat, Va.	12
Mulberry	S. B. Jones	R. 1, Rusk, N. C.	28
Pilot Mountain	S. A. Taylor	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C	44
Rock House	J. P. Slawter	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	39
State Road	W. F. Nixon	Kapps Mills, N. C.	25
Stuarts Creek	R. W. Moseley	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	38
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter	R. 1, Pilot Mt'n, N.C.	52
Union	A. J. Taylor	R. 1, Ararat, N. C.	53
Volunteer	P. W. Lawrence	Pilot Mt'n, N. C.	13

LIST OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ASSOCIATIONS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	No. of Minutes
Mayo	Eld. E. M. Barnard	Tim, Va.....	22
Smiths River....	Eld. Q. D. Weeks..	R. 2, Willis, Va....	18
New River.	Eld. P. G. Lester .	Floyd, Va	21
Mountain.....	J. O. Brewer.....	Baywood, Va.....	17
Senter	J. M. Dickson....	Idol, N. C.....	16
Kehukee..... ...	Eld.M.T. Lawrence	Hamilton, N. C....	42
Little River.....	Eld. J. A. T. Jones.	Gulleys Mill, N. C.	18
White Oak.....	C. C. Brown..	Sneads Ferry, N. C.	18
Mill Branch.....	M. M. Harrelson...	Clarendon, N. C....	8
Country Line....	C. A. Howard.....	Danville, Va.....	24
Abbotts Creek...	A. P. Leach.....	Martins Mill, N. C.	15
Pig River.....	Eld. Z. T. Turner..	Martinsville, Va...	24
Staunton River..	R. L. Dodson	Ringgold, Va.....	16
Ebeneezer.....	J. W. Grove	Luray, Va..	16
Ketocton	Eld. T. S. Dalton..	Front Royal, Va...	15
Mates Creek.....	H. S. Carter.....	Coleman, Ky.....	15
Black Creek.....	O. L. Yelverton....	Fremont, N. C....	16
Eno.....	G. C. Farthing....	Durham, N. C.....	7
Contentnea.....	L. J. H. Mewborn.	Snow Hill, N. C....	27
Zion	C. W. Hawks	Lambsburg, Va...	11

Churches	Names of Messengers	Church Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'd by Experience	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributins
Albion	W. S. Lawson, Albert Smith and Elder F. P. Stone	2	2							1	39	1.50
Ararat	Elder G. Denny,* Sydney Fulk and Elder A. M. Denny	2	4	1	2			2	1		58	2.00
Deep Creek	D. M. Fletcher,* J. L. Hall and M. M. Flynn	1			1					1	42	1.55
Dover	Elder J. D. Draughn, C. J. Draughn* and W. A. Nichols*	4	1								15	.5
Fishers River	James Riggs, Wilson Creed and M. L. Gordon	1			9	2					37	1.85
Fishers Gap	Albert Rogers, [illegible] Wilson and Jesse Dickens	2		1	4	1			4	1	59	1.10
Franklin	C. W. York, R. H. Riggin, Sr. and Henry Beamer	2						2			2	1.10
Hogans Creek	Milton Hutchens, Franklin Snow* and F. Reid	1			3	1	2			1	42	.62
Liberty	L. B. Alberty, J. F. Coe and R. S. Poindexter	2								1	36	1.25
Little Vine	James Williams, J. M. Wood and Lemuel McGhee*	4			1						26	1.00
Mountain View	M. W. Noonkester, John Eaton, and W. P. Howlett	4				3	1				16	.50
Mulberry	A. B. Key, R. Draughn and J. M. Eldridge*	1	1		2						26	1.10
Pilot Mountain	Wm. Simmons, J. T. Flippin and S. A. Taylor	1	3					1	1		44	1.75
Rock House	D. Collins and J. P. Slawter	2	2	1	3					4	48	1.55
State Road	J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon* and P. H. Cockerham	3	1						1		29	1.00
Stewarts Creek	W. A. Dunbar, W. M. Parks* and R. W. Moseley	3			6					4	43	1.50
Toms Creek	Aquilla Hunter and C. L. Arrington	4	1		3					2	77	2.00
Union	Elder James W. Creed, A. J. Taylor, K. D. Key and W. J. Keyalt	4	3	1	2	1	1	1		1	71	2.05
Volunteer	Not represented											
	*Absentees. Totals	[illegible]			8	4	6	7	16		746	$23.92

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

State Road, Surry County, N. C.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8, 9 and 10, 1913

OFFICERS:

Eld. W. H. Atkinson, Mod., Round Peak, N. C.
Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

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FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The eighty-first annual session, held with the church at State Road, Surry county, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8, 9, and 10, 1913.

PROCEEDINGS.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. D. Mickey, John 1:6.

2. After intermission, the messengers from the different churches assembled in the house; and, after prayer by Elder M. B. Martin, from the Mountain, proceeded to business.

3. Our moderator, Elder A. M. Denny, called for the appointment of a moderator to organize the association, and Elder W. H. Atkins was elected to fill the chair.

4. Letters from the several churches were received and read. The letters from Deep Creek church were referred to the Committee on Arrangements, and the contents of the rest were placed in the Statistical Table.

5. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations, and the following were received: From the Mountain, Brethren A. J. Galyen and T. C. Higgins, correspodents, and Elders M. B. Martin, J. M. Williams and S. U. Attwood and Brethren I. C. Reynolds, Thomas Fender, W. M. Richerson, T. R. Caudle and Hiram Edwards, visitors; From Zion, Elder Wesley Brindle and Brother R. S. Creed, correspondents, and Brother J. R. Creed, visitor; From Salem, Elder J. A. Ashburn, correspondent, and Bro. J. A. Thomas, visitor; From Roaring River, A. A. Johnson and A. J. Attwood, correspondents, and J. W. Lions and M. G. Lions, visitors; From Smiths River, Mayo and New River, a file of minutes; and a file of minutes were received from Mountain

Roaring River, Kehukee, Abbotts Creek, Little River, Upper Country Line, Lower Country Line, Contentnea, Salem and Abbotts Creek.

6. Agreed to elect our moderator and clerk by private ballot and Elder W. H. Atkinson was elected moderator, and Elder F. P. Stone clerk. The election was then made unanimous.

7. Agreed to elect our Committee on Arrangements by private ballot and that the moderator make all other appointments.

8. Appointed Elders L. T. Tucker and J. M. Williams to preach at the stand on Friday evening.

9. Appointed Brethren A. F. Stone, Jo Key, with the moderator and messengers of this church, to arrange the preaching for Saturday and Sunday, and Elders Wesley Brindle, J. M. Williams, George Denny and A. M. Denny were appointed for Saturday, and Elders M. B. Martin, J. A. Ashburn and S. U. Attwood for Sunday.

10. Appointed Elder George Denny and Brother Jim Eldridge a Committee on Finance.

11. Appointed Elder W. M. Stone, and Brethren J. S. Morrison, a Committee on Correspondence.

12. Elected Elders G. O. Key, H. D. Mickey and D. Collins, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee on Arrangements.

13. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Preaching to begin each day at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 1913.

The association met pursuant to adjournment and, after prayer by Elder G. O. Key, proceeded to business as follows:

1. The Committee on Arrangements reported and were discharged.

2. Called the roll of messengers and correspondents.

3. Read Constitution, Covenant, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

4. Called on committee, sent to Deep Creek, to report. Their report was received and the committee discharged.

5. Called on Elder C. B. Denny for the obituary of Deacon Marion Welbourn. Brother Denny failing to report, the appointment stands.

6. Called on presbytery appointed to dissolve Rock Spring church and dispose of their property, and they reported and were discharged. The report is as follows :

We, the undersigned presbytery, duly appointed by the association to look after the remaining members of Rock Spring church, met at Mulbery church, August 31, 1912, and after services, it being late, we met at J. R Welbourns' and proceeded to organize by electing Elder W. H. Atkinson Moderator, and J. T. Riggan Clerk. Finding Sister Sarah F. Welbourn and Brother Henry Shore in good standing, we gave them both letters of transfer to any church or churches of our faith and order ; and finding Alice Koonts in disorder, by joining the Methodist order, we withdrew fellowship from her. This done by order of the presbytery and signed.

W. H. Atkinson, Mod.
J. M. Royal.
J. T. Riggan, Clerk.

We also found the old house and church land, but failed to find any deed or record of any kind.

J. T. Riggan, Clerk.

7. Brother J. T. Riggan was appointed to look after the deed to said property.

8. Noticed the request of Ararat church, refering to article three, item two, mimute, 1912. It should have read, "was in 1911," instead of "are in 1912."

9. The letters from Deep Creek church were taken up for consideration, and we recommended that the Association recognise as the church, the members of said church who have kept their hands clean and had nothing to do with the difficulty; and that the contending parties of each faction make satisfaction with the church in a gospel way before they can be recognized with the church; and further advise that they be not seated until they comply with this advice; and we do further advise that the parties who are recognized as the church, who have affiliated with the contending parties, be excused, but recommend that they do so no more until satisfaction is made.

10 Called for the report of correspondents. Some of them reported that they had attended, and those who did not attend were excused.

11. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elders H. D. Mickey, L. T. Tucker and Brother J. P. Simmons; To Mayo, Elder W. M. Stone, J. S. Morrison and R. W. Chandler; To Smiths River, Elders F. P. Stone, H. D Mickey and Brother Albert Smith; To the Mountain, Elders W. H. Atkinson, J. M. Royal and Brother Melvin Southern; To Zion, Elder George Denny, J. T. Riggan and J. S. Morrison; To New River, Elders A. M. Denny, D. Collins and J. R. Cruise; To Salem, Elders G. Denny, G. O. Key and Brother A. F. Stone; To Roaring River, Elders James Creed, J. M. Royal and G. O. Key.

12. Appointed Elder G. O. Key to write a Circular Letter for our next association.

13. On motion the moderator appointed the following committee, to prepare a form for the several church clerks, to reduce the work of the assocational clerk, to-wit: Elders G. O. Key, F. P. Stone and Brother J. T. Riggan.

14. Agreed that we hold our next association with S.ew-

arts Creek church, one mile west of Mt. Airy, N. C., to be held on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in August, 1914.

15. Agreed that we have the usual number of 1,000 minutes printed.

16. Agreed that we pay our Clerk $10.00 for his services.

17. The Committee on Finance reported :

Received from the churches		$28.70
Balance in Clerk's hands		1.36
Paid for printing and pastage	$16.00	
Gave to Clerk	10.00	
Surplus in Clerks hands	4.06	
Totals	$30.06	$30.06

18. We tendered a resolution of thanks to Elder A. M. Denny for his faithful services while serving this association as moderator.

19. Offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality and kindness in entertaining this association.

20. The foregoing proceedings were read and approved, and then adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

ELDER W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.

ELDER F. P. STONE, Clerk, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

THE PREACHING.

FRIDAY—1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. D. Mickey, from St. John 1:6 ; "There was a man sent from God," etc. ; 2 Elder J. M. Williams (the clerk failed to get subject); 3. Elder L. T. Tucker, from St. John 14:21 ; "He that hath my commandments," etc.

SATURDAY—1. Elder Wesley Brindle, from Matt. 24:14; "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached," etc. 2. Elder J. M. Williams, Text: "Go and I will go with you." 3. Elder Geo. Denny, from St. John 4:32; "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." 4. Elder A. M. Denny, from 2 Tim. 2:14, 15; "Of these things put them in remembrance," etc

SUNDAY—1. Elder M. B. Martin, from 1 Cor. 14:8; For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound," etc. 2. Elder J. A. Ashburn, from Eph. 6:11; "Put on the whole armor of God," etc. 3 Elder S. U. Attwood, no special subject.

F. P. STONE, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations.	Clerks.	Postofices.	No. of Min.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owen,	R 2, Salisbury, N. C.	14
Contentnea	Elder J. P. Tingle,	Grantsboro, N. C.	12
Ebenezer	Elder R. H. Pittman,	Luray, Va.	12
Eno	G. C. Farthing,	Durham, N. C.	14
Kehukee	Elder M. T. Lawrence,	Robersonville, N. C.	14
Ketocton	Elder T. S. Dalton,	Front Royal, Va.	15
Little River	Elder J. A. T. Jones,	Mc Cullers, N. C.	15
L. Conntry line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	12
Mayo	Elder E M Barnard,	Peters Creek, Va	15
Mountain	J. O. Brewer,	Bay Wood, Va	14
Mates Creek	H. S. Carter,	Coleman, Ky.	12
New River	Elder P. G. Lester,	Floyd. Va.	15
Pig River	E. L. Blankenship	Boons Mill, Va	12
Roaring River	W. V. Adams,	N. Wilksboro, N. C.	8
Staunton River	R. L. Dodson,	Ringold, Va	10
U. Country line	S. J. Hall,	Cedar Grove, N. C.	12
Zion	C. L. Woltz,	Galax, Va.	10
Senter	J. M. Dickson,	Crumpler, N. C.	15
Smiths River	Elder Q. D. Weeks	Willis, Va	15
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston Salem, N. C.	15

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES.

Churches.	Clerks.	Postofices.	No. of Min
Albion	Ed. Slate,...	Route 1, Francisco, N. C.	45
Ararat	Elder Geo. Denny,...	Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C..	50
Deep Creek	Wm. D. Spencer,...	Route 1, Siloam, N. C....	45
Fishers River	M. L. Gorden,...	White Plains, N. C.	15
Fishers Gap	C. H. Goodson,...	Low Gap, N. C...	44
Franklin	R. H. Riggan,...	Dobson, N. C.....	35
Hogans Creek	S. D. Key,...	Siloam, N. C	38
Laurel Springs	B. E. Chandler,...	Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C..	25
Liberty	L. B. Alberty,...	Crutchfield, N. C	25
Littlevine	Jacob Mitchel...	Dobson, N. C.....	35
Mulberry	S. B. Jones, ...	Rusk, N. C.....	32
Pilot Mountain	S. A. Taylor...	Route 1, Mt, Airy, N. C..	45
Rock House	John E. Tilley...	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.....	44
State Road	W. F. Nixon,...	State Road, N. C.....	25
Stoney Creek	J. S. Morrison,...	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.....	34
Stuarts Creek	R. W. Mosley,...	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C	44
Toms Creek,	A. Q. Hunter, ...	R. 1, Pilot Mountian, N.C.	68
Union	C. W. Stone, ...	R. 1, Rockford, N. C.....	55
Volunteer	P. W. Lawrence,...	Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C..	35

FORM FOR CHURCH LETTER.

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the next session of the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association: We the church at... ....., sendeth greetings:

Dear Brethren, we have chosen our esteemed brethren to-wit..... to represent us. Hope you will seat them in council with you.

Our statistics are as follows:

Church Meeting days..... .....

Received by Experience .....

Received by Letter .....

Restored .....

Dismissed by Letter .....

Excluded .....

Deceased .....

Ordained Ministers .....

Licentiates .....

Total number in Fellowsbip .....

Contribution .....

Read, approved and signed by

....Moderator.

..... Clerk.

P. O.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

G. Denny,.....Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
A. M. Denny, ...Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
C. B. Denny, ...Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
H. Caln,..... Route 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. H. Moran,..... .. .. Route 1, Brim, N. C.
G. O. Key, ...Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson,. .....Route 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey,.....Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
W. M. Stone,... ....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. M. Royal,..... .Roaring Gap, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle..... .....Route 1, Westfield, N. C.
F. P. Stone,..... Route 1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denny,.....Route 3. Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed,..... ....Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins,..... .....Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggans,.....Route 2, Dobson, N. C.
L. T. Tucker,.....Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Charlie Stone,.....Route 1, Rockford, N. C.
W. J. Key,..... ....Ararat, N. C.
J. Key,.....Route 3, Kernersvill, N. C.

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Church Meetings	Ordained Min.	Licensed Min.	Received by Ex	Received by Let	Restored	Dismissed by Let	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fellowship	Contributions.
Albion	Elder F. P. Stone, Albert Smith and Ed Slate	4	2			7	2	1		1	38	2.70
Ararat	Elder A. M. Denny, A. Z. M. Denny and Sidney Fulk	2	4	1		1		1			49	1.75
Deep Creek	Not seated		0					0				2.15
Fishers River	Not represented.		0					0				
Fishers Gap	A. Galyen, A. Hodge and Samuel Low	2	0					0	2		62	1.30
Franklin	Elder W. H. Atkinson and J. T. Riggan	3	2					3			46	1.00
Hogans Creek	S. D. Key, Joe Key and W. F. Whitker	3	0					0			44	1.25
Laurel Springs	W. A. Dunbar and Z. E. Chandler	4	0		2	5		0			20	1.25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, Charls Parker and W. D. Holderfield	2	0		1			0	2		30	1.00
Littlevine	Jacob Mitchell J. W. Marion	4	0		4	5		0	1		41	1.40
Mulberry	A. B. Key, J. M. Eldridge and F. M. Woods	4	6				3	0	1		27	1.00
Pilot Mountain	Elders G. O. Ley, L. W. Tucker and William Simons	1	2		1	3		0	1		43	2.00
Rock House	Elder D. Collins, W. C. Kinser and W. V. Pyrtle	2	2		1			0	1		50	1.40
State Road	Elder J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon and P. H. Cockerham	3	1		1	2		0	1		29	1.10
Stoney Creek	J. S. Morrison, J. F. Joyce and A. F. Stone	3	0		4			0			22	2.00
Stuarts Creek	H. M. Southern, R. W. Mosley and T. W. Watson	3	1		5			0			52	1.75
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter and S. W. Adams	2	1	1	5			0	1		85	2.50
Union	K. D. Key, Jessie Dunbar and Elisha Mosley	4	1	2				1	1		58	2.00
Volunteer	Elders H. D. Mickey, W. M. Stone and R. W. Chandler	3	2					0			37	1.15
	Totals		18	4	33	17	4	5	11	1	733	$28.70

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

FISHERS RIVER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at Mulberry, Surry County, North Carolina, on Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday, in August, 1915.

OFFICERS:

Elder W. H. Atkinson, Moderator, Round Peak, N. C.
Elder F. P. Stone, Clerk. R 1, Francisco, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Via, of Mayo Association, from Isa. 63:1–5.

2. After an intermission the messengerss from the several churches assembled in the house; and after prayer by Elder J. R. Wilson, from Mayo, proceeded to business.

3. Appointed Elders Wesley Brindle and J. D. Easter, from Zion, and S. H. Reid, from Mayo, to preach at the stand today.

4. Letters from the several churches were received and read and the messengers seated.

5. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations, and received the following: From Mayo, Elders J. P. Via, S. H. Reid and J. R. Wilson; from Mountain, A. J. Galyen; From Roaring River,———; From Salem, Elder J. A. Ashburn; From Zion, Elders R. T. Monday, Wesley Brindle, J. D. Easter, and Brother R. S. Creed; and a file of mintes from Senter, Contentnea, New River, Mayo, Salem, Pig River, Mountain, Kehukee and Abbotts Creek.

6. Reelected our present Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

7. Agreed that the Moderator and Clerk make all appointments, and they appointed Deacons A. Q. Hunter, H. D. Key, and J. M. Eldridge a Committee on Arrangements.

8. Appointed Elders H. D. Mickey, George Denney and Brother J. T. Riggan a Committee on Correspondence.

9. Appointed Elder James Creed and Brother Joe Key a Committee on Finance.

10. Appointed Elders A. M. Denny and Brethren S. A. Taylor and A. F. Stone, with the Moderator and Messengers of this church a Committee on Preaching: and they appointed Elders Wesley Brindle, R. T. Monday, J. D. Easter and A. M. Denny to preach on Saturday; and Elders S. H. Reid,

J. A. Ashburn, J. P. Via and J. R. Wilson, for Sunday.

11. Adjourned to meet Saturday at 9 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1915.

1. The association met pursuant to adjournment, and, after prayer by Elder L. T. Tucker, proceeded to business as follows:

2. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report; the report was received and the committee discharged.

3. Called roll of Messengers and correspondents, and seated correspondents and visitors in council with us.

4. Read Covenant, Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

5. Called on Deacon J. M. Eldridge for the obituary of Deacon S. B. Jones. It was read, approved and attached to our minutes.

6. Called on Brother J. T. Riggans to report; and, having failed to locate the Rock Spring church property, his appointment was continued.

7. Called on the committee appointed to Dover, and they reported that they had visited said church and advised them to represent themselves in the next association. The report was received and the committe was discharged.

8. The church at Dover failing to comply with the advice of the committee, the matter was dropped.

9. Complying with the request of the church at Union, for presbytery to examine into the qualifications of Brother Jesse Dunbar and set him apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry, if found orthodox, Elders W. H. Atkinson, J. M. Royal and D. Collins were appointed.

10. Complying with the request of the church at Liberty, Elder G. Denny was appointed to write an obituary of Deacon J. W. Jones.

11. Brother W. A. Dunbar was appointed to write the obituary of Deacon W. B. Southern.

12. Called on Correspondents to report. Some reported that they had attended, and those who did not were excused.

13. Called on committee on Correspondence, and they reported as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elders A. M. Denny and L. T. Tucker, and Deacon A. Q. Hunter; To Mayo, Elders F. P. Stone, George Denny, Deacon Albert Smith and B. P. Smith; To Smiths River, Elders D. Collins, G. O. Key and Brother Buck Pyrtle; To Mountain, Elders H. D. Mickey, R. H. Riggan, and Robert Carson; To Zion, Elders James Creed, John Cruise and Deacon J. T. Riggan; To New River, G. O. Key, W. H. Atkinson and Brother Sam Love; To Salem, Elders A. M. Denny, G. Denny and H. D. Mickey; To Roaring River, Elders J. M. Royal, W. H. Atkinson and Brother G. W. Wright.

14. Elder F. P. Stone read a letter which he had previously prepared, and it was ordered attached to these minutes; and he was appointed to write a Circular Letter for our next association.

15. We do hereby unanimously repeal items 10 and 11 of the minutes of 1906.

16. Agreed to hold our next association with the church at Pilot Mountain, N. C., to convene on Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in August, 1916.

17. Agreed to have 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

18. Agreed to give our Clerk the usual fee of $10.00 for his services.

19. The Committee on Finance reported:

Received from the churches		$29.15
Bal. in Clerk's hands		5.91
Paid for printing and postage	$18.00	
Gave to Clerk	10.00	
Bal. in hands of Clerk	7.06	
Total	$35.06	$35.06

20. Offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality and kindness in entertaining this association.

21. These minutes were read, approved and signed by

W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.

F. P. STONE, Clerk.

PREACHING.

Friday—1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Via, from Isa. 63:1-5. 2. Elder J. D. Easter, from 2 Cor. 5:14. 3. Elder Wesley Brindle, from Rom. 1:16.

Saturday—1. Elder Wesley Brindle, from 1 John 3:1. 2. Elder J. D. Easter, from St. John 1:1. 3. Elder R. T. Monday, from St. John 17:2. 4. Elder A. M. Denny, from Luke 7:24-26. 5. Elder J. R. Wilson, from 2 Cor. 3:5.

Sunday—1. Elder S. H. Reid, from Acts. 4:19-20. 2. Elder J. A. Ashburn, from Heb. 4:15-16. 3. Elder J. P. Via, Clerk failed to get subject. 4. Elder J. R. Wilson, Clerk failed to get subject.

——, Clerk.

LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE.

Feeling a desire to write a few lines for the consideration of the dear brethren and sisters, I will take for my subject, "Let brotherly love continue." We cannot continue anything until it is begun. But God is love and commands us to love one another. It is natural for us to love our families, kindred and friends. But why do we love one who was once our enemy, or a stranger in the flesh? Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again. You, my dear brethren, were like unto Nicodemus after the flesh in sin, many of us strangers to each other. But Jesus came into this world to set up his Kingdom; and he said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Therefore his kingdom was a spiritual one: for God is a Spirit and seeketh such to worship him as do worship him in spirit and in truth; and we cannot until we are born into that spiritual kingdom, and

then we are in a lovely kingdom : for Jesus is born in us the hope of glory. Then we are filled with his Spirit and clothed with his righteousness, because we are the children of God and joint heirs with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Then why strive ye, one with another? Are we not brethren? Yes, born of the same Father and mother. So let us look over each other's infirmities, and forgive our brother's trespasses, as our heavenly Father and Elder Brother forgave us ours, so that brotherly love may continue. Jesus is not the author of confusion, but of peace. And he said, "My peace I give unto you ; my peace I leave with you." So let us watch over each other for good, and not for evil, that peace may be and continue in our midst ; that love may flow from heart to heart, and joy from breast to breast.

Yours for peace and brotherly love,

F. P. STONE.

OBITUARY OF DEACON S. B. JONES.

Being appointed for that purpose, I will write the obituary of Deacon S. B. Jones, who was born January 13, 1832, and died February 9, 1914, aged 82 years and 26 days.

He was married to Miss T. W. Marshall January 10, 1853, and to them were born four children, of whom three are living to mourn their loss.

He joined the church at Cool Spring prior to 1854, and was appointed clerk in May, 1864, and served until 1879, when the church gave him a letter of dismission ; and, in July, 1881, he joined at Mulberry. And in December, 1882, he was chosen clerk at Mulberry, and he served until death.

He served in the office of deacon with great care and faithfulness. He was, indeed, one of our fathers in Israel, always contending earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints, never failing to take the Bible, as he understood it, for the man of his counsel. But he has gone to his reward, where soon we shall go.

J. M. Eldridge.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

ELDERS

G. Denney; ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
A. M. Denney, ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
C. B. Denney, ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
H. Cain, ---------- R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. H. Moran, ---------- Pinnacle, N. C.
G. O. Key, ---------- Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson, ---------- R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey, ---------- R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
W. M. Stone, ---------- Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. M. Royal, ---------- Roaring Gap, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle, ---------- R. 1, Westfield, N. C.
F. P. Stone, ---------- R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denny, ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed, ---------- R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins, ---------- R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggan, ---------- R. 2, Dobson, N. C.
L. T. Tucker, ---------- R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. R. Cruise, ---------- Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

W. J. Key, ---------- Ararat, N. C.
J. Key, ---------- R. 3, Kernersville, N. C.
J. S. Morrison, ---------- R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Charlie Adams, ---------- R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
Jessie Dunbar, ---------- Rockford, N. C.

NAMES AND ADERESSES OF CHURCH CLERRS.

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Churches	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Albion,	E. D. Slate,	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	50
Ararat,	Eld. Geo. Denny,	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	40
Deep Creek,	C. A. Sprinkle,	Tobaccoville, N. C.	40
Fishers River,	John M. Nichols,	White Plains, N. C.	30
Fishers Gap,	R. B. Carson,	Low Gap, N. C.	45
Franklin,	R. H. Riggans,	Dobson, N. C.	40
Hogans Creek,	S. D. Key,	Siloam, N. C.	35
Laurel Springs,	Z. E. Chandler,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Liberty,	L. B. Alberty,	Crutchfield, N. C.	35
Little Vine,	Jacob Mitchell,	Dobson, N.C.	40
Mulberry,	J. M. Eldridge,	R. 1, State Road, N. C.	35
Pilot Mtn.,	S. A. Taylor,	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	55
Rock House,	W. P. Smith,	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	55
State Road,	W. F. Nixon,	State Road, N. C.	35
Stony Creek,	J. S. Morrison,	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	60
Stuarts Creek,	R. W. Mosley,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	55
Toms Creek,	A. Q. Hunter,	R. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C	80
Union,	C. W. Stone,	R. 1, Rockford, N. C.	65
Volunteer,	P. W. Lawrence,	R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.	30

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

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Associations	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Abbotts Creek,	A. L. Owens,	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	20
Contentnea,	Eld. J. P. Tingle,	Grantsboro, N. C.	15
Ebenezer,	Eld. R. H. Pittman,	Luray, Va.	15
Eno,	G. C. Farthing,	Durham, N. C.	15
Kehukee,	Eld. B. S. Cowing,	R. 2, Williamston, N. C.	15
Ketocton,	Eld. T. S. Dalton,	Mc. Lean, Virginia	15
Little River,	Eld. J. A. T. Jones,	McCullers, N. C	15
L. Country Line,	J. H. Gooch,	Stem, N. C.	15
Mayo,	Eld. E. M. Barnard,	Peters Creek, Va.	25
Mountain,	J. M, Rector,	Baywood, Virginia	18
Mates Creek,	H. S. Carter,	Coleman, Kentucky	15
New River,	Eld. F. P. Branscome,	Laurel Fork, Virginia	20
Pig River,	Eld. E. L. Blankenship,	Boone Mill, Virginia	15
Roaring River,			18
Staunton River,	R. L. Dodson,	Ringold, Virginia	15
U. Country Line,	S. J. Hall,	Cedar Grove, N. C	18
Zion,	C. L. Woltz,	Galax, Virginia	20
Senter,	J. M. Dickson,	Crumpler, N. C.	20
Smiths River,	Eld. Q. D Weeks,	Willis, Virginia	20
Salem,	W L Teague,	Winston-Salem, N C	15

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MINUTES

OF THE

FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held with the church at Pilot Mountain, in the town of Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, on Friday, Saturday and second Sunday, August 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1916.

OFFICERS:

Elder W. H. Atkinson, Mod., R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
Elder F. P. Stone, Clerk, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

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ELDERS

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A. M. Denny,.....R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
C. B. Denny,.....R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
H. Cain,.....R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. H. Moran,.....Pinnacle, N. C.
G. O. Key,.....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson,.....R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
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Jessie Dunbar,.....Rockford, N. C

LICENTIATES.

W. J. Key,.....Ararat, N. C.
J. Key,.....R. 3, Kernersville, N. C.
J. S. Morrison,.....R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Charlie Adams,.....R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with the church at Pilot Mountain, Surry County, N. C., on

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1916.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. P. Vass, of New River Association, from Matt. 18:3; "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

2. The messengers, after a recess, met in the house, with prayer by Elder J M. Royal.

3. Elder E. M. Barnard and G. M. Trent, of Mayo Association, were selected to preach in the Missionary Baptists' house in the afternoon.

4. Received and read letters from all the churches, except Fishers Gap, and seated Messengers, as may be seen in the Statistical Table.

5. Seated correspondents and visitors, from sister associations, as follows: From Mayo, Elders E. M. Barnard, J. R. Wilson, N. B. Gilbert, G. M. Trent and Brethren J. D. Young, J. T. Payne, Hassell Tilley, T. C. Hall, J. W. Sehen, T. W. Tilley, J. Frank Mills, J. Fletcher Mills and Henry C. Lackey; From Salem, J. W. Hutchens, D. R. Stafford, J. H. McCain, Geo. Ziglar, P. S. Smith, J. H. Williard and W. P. Mathews; From Zion, Elders W. F. Bunn and J. D. Easter; From New River, Elder R. P. Vass and Brethren J. A. Semones and Coney Hill; From Upper Country Line, Elder O. J. Denny and Brother J. R. Jones. Received a file of minutes from Mayo, Abbotts Creek, Salem, Contentnea, Ebenezer, Mountain, New River, Pig River, Zion, Roaring River and Senter associations.

6. Re-elected our moderator and Clerk

7. Agreed that the Moderator and Clerk make all temporary appointments, and they appointed Deacons A. F. Stone, J. M. Eldridge and S. D. Key, to act with the moderator and clerk, as a committee on Arrangements: Elder George Denny and Brother J. R. Hall a Committee on Finance; Elders A. M. Denny, J. M. Royal and D. Collins a Committee on Correspondence; and C. W. Stone and J. P. Slaughter, with the moderator and messengers of this church, a Committee on Preaching.

8. The Committee on Preaching reported, for Saturday, Elders J. A. Fagg, R. P. Vass, and A. M. Denny to preach in the Missionary Baptist church; Elders E. M. Barnard, W. F. Bunn and J. M. Royal to preach in the Friends church; and Elders J. R. Wilson and O. J. Denny to preach in the Primitive Baptist church in the afternoon; and, for Sunday, Elders Sam McMillan, W. H. Atkinson and N. B. Gilbert to preach in the Primitive Baptist house; Elders J. R. Wilson, G. M. Trent and G. Denny to preach in Missionary Baptist church; Elders D. Collins, Geo. Denny and R. H. Riggan to preach in Friends church; Eld's O. J. Denny, J. A. Fagg and R. P. Vass to preach in the M. E. church.

9. Adjourned till Saturday, 9 o'clock in the morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST, 12, 1916.

1. The deliberations were opened with praise and prayer, by Elder N. B. Gilbert, of Mayo Association.

2. Called the roll and struck off the names of absentees.

3. Committee on Arrangements reported and were disc'd.

4. Dispensed with the reading of Rules of Decorum.

5. Brother J. T. Riggan reported. The report was received and his appointment continued, the Association agreeing to bear his expenses in his continued search to locate the Rockspring church property, report to be made next year.

6. The presbytery to Union church, reported the ordination of Brother Jesse Dunbar to the full functions of the gospel ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer, and the presbytery was discharged.

7. Called on Elder G. Denny for obituary of Deacon John Jones, and on Deacon W. A. Dunbar for obituary of Deacon W. A. Southern, both of which were received and ordered to be attached to these minutes; also, at the request of Stoney Creek church, the obituary of Deaconess Sallie A. Stone.

8. Correspondents to sister associations reported and were discharged.

9. Committee on Correspondence reported as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elder H. D. Mickey, S. A. Taylor and A. Q. Hunter; To Mayo, Elder D. Collins, Elder H. D. Mickey, and J. P. Slaughter; To Smiths River, Elder G. O. Key, Elder F. P. Stone and Albert Smith; To Mountain, Elders W. H. Atkinson, J. M. Royal and R. H. Riggan; To Zion, W. H. Atkinson, J. R. Cruise and R. H. Riggan; To New River, Elders G. O. Key, George Denny and F. P. Stone; To Salem, Elders A. M. Denny, G. O. Key and George Denny; To Roaring River, Elder J. M. Royal, J. M. Eldredge and A. B. Key.

10. The Circular Letter, prepared by the Clerk, was ordered to be attached to these minutes.

11. Agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the church at Union, five miles west of Ararat station, in Surry county, N. C., begining on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1917.

12. Agreed to have 1,200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

13. Agreed to give our Clerk the usual fee of ten dollars.

14. Committee on Finance reported as follows :

Received from the churches		$28.35
Balance from last year		5.86
Paid for printing minutes and for postage	$18.00	
Paid to Clerk	10.00	
Balance in hand's of the Clerk	6 21	
Totals	$34 21	$34 21

15. Offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality and kindness in entertaining the association, and adjourned to time and place appointed.

ELDER W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.

ELDER F. P. STONE, Clerk.

THE PREACHING

FRIDAY—1 Elder R. P. Vass preached the introductory sermon, from Matt. 18:3; 2 Elder G. M. Trent; 3 Elder E. M. Barnard. The clerk failed to get their texts.

SATURDAY—1 Elder J. A. Fagg; 2 R. P. Vass (Clerk did not get their texts.); 3 Elder A. M. Denny, from Matt. 6:12-16; 4 Eld. W. F. Bunn, from Matt. 10:27; 5 Eld. N. B. Gilbert, from Zeph. 3:12; 6 Eld. J. M. Royal (Clerk failed to get his text.); 7 Elder O. J. Denny, from Acts 4:11; 8 Elder J. R. Wilson, from 1 Cor. 1:30.

SUNDAY—1 Elder Samuel McMillan, from St John 5:25; 2 Elder W. H. Atkinson, from Eccl. 1:2; 3 Eld. N. B. Gilbert, from Ps 89:15. The Clerk, being at the Primitive Baptist house, failed to get the texts used at the other houses.——Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Being appointed to write a Circular Letter for the consideration of the brethren who may compose the Eighty-Fourth Annual Session of the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association, I feel impressed to use Rom. 8:13; "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." We feel that Paul has given us a nice lesson in this chapter. The first verse is: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Then we presume that he would say,

There is now therefore condemnation to them that walk after the flesh: "For to be carnally minded is death." Brethren, we shall keep this thought under consideration, for we know that the wages of sin is death; that the soul that sinneth, it shall die. Corporal death takes us from this world and the enjoyments of it. The death to sin takes the sinner out of the old world into a new one: for all things become new. Death to sin gives us the first conception of life, and the reason a sinner prays is because life has been imparted to him. It opens his eyes so he can see himself as a condemned sinner in the presence of a just God. We do not wonder at his first prayer being, "God be merciful to me a sinner." What an awful realization! In this death he has lost his desire for worldly amusements, feels that, if sent to hell, he will go begging for mercy: for justice is cutting him down. He has lived after the flesh all of his life. But Jesus came to save sinners; and he told Mary and Martha that he was the resurrection and the life. Every death requires a resurrection, and at his own appointed time he speaks peace to the troubled soul, and it is resurrected into life, and that mourning soul is filled with joy. He loves every body because he is filled with the Spirit of God, and God is love. Then he feels that he can ever mortify the deeds of the body and sin no more. But Paul knew the weakness of the flesh, and that was why he gave us so many lessons on how to live.

The first duty is to take up our cross (not our pleasures) and follow Jesus through evil as well as good report; and why did we desire this? Because we loved the brethren; and I wish to say right here, We have first to prove our love to the brethren, to establish the fact that we are born of God: for "we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."

Now there is a work for each of us to do; and the first is, We should mortify the deeds of the body, that we may live in the fellowship of the brethren and sisters. We fear that many brethren and sisters have let nature destroy their happiness in the church, because they wanted others to bear all the burdens of the church. But I want to say that God's people are a burden-bearing people, and one that will not help to carry the lame and wounded on his own shoulder is not worthy of the name, "Primitive Baptist." We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, for

Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me."

Now, brethren, let us pray that the spirit of peace may be and remain in our midst, that we may be enabled to look each upon the other as a brother, and to forgive the trespasses of others as we would have our trespasses forgiven: for we have not long to live in this wilderness of woe. We are looking "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

F. P. STONE.

OBITUARIES.

Deacon John W. Jones was born in Patrick county, Virginia, July 14, 1842, soon after which his parents moved to Stokes county, N. C. When he grew to manhood, he entered the Southern army and was a good soldier in the war. After the war, he returned to his home and went to work, and was blessed in his efforts. Feb. 24, 1867, he was married to Miss Mary B. Snow. To them were born two sons and four daughters. One daughter and one son preceded him to the shores of eternity. On March 19, 1915, he passed away to join the dear ones gone before, leaving his wife and four children to mourn their great loss.

The home of Brother Jones was a great resting place for all good people that passed that way, where they enjoyed the good of the land with Brother Jones, who lived to the age of 72 years, 8 months and 5 days. He faithfully discharged his duties in his home, his country and his church, the church of the living God. This is the confidence of the writer. May our devotion to the truth be like his.

(ELD.) GABRIEL DENNY.

Deacon W. B. Southern was born March 4, 1836, and died June 20, 1915, aged 79 years, 3 months and 16 days.

December 22, 1855, he was married to Miss Mary Teriel; and to them were born 13 children, 6 living to mourn the loss of a father.

Brother Southern joined the church at Toms Creek on Saturday before the first Sunday in July, 1887, and was ordained to the office of Deacon June 22, 1889.

He was a faithful member as long as he was able to go, and was strong in the faith as long as he lived. He was always ready to care for the Baptist people, and not only them, but was very careful to entertain strangers.

W. A. DUNBAR.

Deaconess Sallie A. Stone was born June 29, 1849; died Feb. 1, 1916, making her stay on earth 66 years, 7 months and 3 days. She was the daughter of

Wesley and Mary Ann stone, and was reared to womanhood by pious, industrious, God-fearing parents.

She made choice of her second cousin, Mr. Auguston F. Stone, as her life partner. They were happily married Feb. 25, 1880. They were successful in life, having plenty of the necessities of life, with something laid up for old age. Their home was a home for their friends, especially for Old Baptist preachers.

She professed a hope in early life, but never joined the church till Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1911, when she and husband came before the church at Stoney Creek and were received. They were baptized next morning by the writer. She lived a consecrated Christian life till God called her to come over and rest from her labors.

Being deprived of motherhood, she and her husband adopted their nephew, Mr. Silas Stone, who grew up to call her blessed. Her friends were those who knew her, and those who knew her best loved her most. We can truthfully say, Cousin Sallie lived her religion, for her light was not under the bushel. Her neighbors could see and feel the influence of her Christian life. She was known by her orderly walk and godly conversation.

After three days of intense suffering, from Pneumonia, she fell asleep in Jesus; and after funeral services, by the writer, she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Stoney Creek, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends.

She left her husband, their adopted son, one brother, three sisters and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. We believe we voiced her feelings(before her death)when we stood around her silent grave, singing:

"Weep not for me as you stand 'round my grave,
Think who has gone, his beloved to save.
Think of the crown all the ransom'd shall wear,
When I am gone, when I am gone."

Written at the request of her bereaved husband, by

Her pastor,

F. P. STONE.

Francisco, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS.

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Churches	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Albion	E. D. Slate,	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.,	50
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny,	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.,	40
Deep Creek	G. D. Spencer,	Siloam, N. C.,	40
Fishers River	J. M. Nichols,	White Plains, N. C.,	30
Fishers Gap	R. B. Carson,	Low Gap, N. C.,	25
Franklin	R. H. Riggans,	Dobson, N. C.,	40
Hogans Creek	S. D. Key,	Siloam, N. C.,	35
Laurel Springs	Z. E. Chandler,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.,	25
Liberty			
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell,	Dobson, N. C.,	40
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge,	R. 1, State Road, N. C.,	35
Pilot Mountain	S. A. Taylor,	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.,	65
Rock House	W. P. Smith,	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	60
State Road	W. F. Nixon,	State Road, N. C.,	35
Stoney Creek	J. S. Morrison,	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.,	60
Stuarts Creek	R. W. Mosley,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.,	55
Toms Creek	A. Q. Hunter,	R. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C.	90
Union	C. W. Stone,	R. 1, Rockford, N. C.,	75
Volunteer	P. W. Lawrence,	R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.,	25

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Abbotts Creek,	A. L. Owens,	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	20
Contentnea.	Elder J. P. Tingle,	Grantsboro, N. C.	15
Ebenezer,	Eld. R. H Pittman,	Luray, Va	15
Eno,	G. C. Farthing,	Durham, N. C.	15
Kehukee,	Eld. B. S. Cowing,	R. 2, Williamston, N. C.	15
Ketocton,	Eld. T. S. Dalton,	Mc. Lean, Virginia.	15
Little River,	Eld. J. A. T. Jones,	McCullers, N. C.	15
L. Country Line,	J. H. Gooch,	Stem, N. C.	15
Mayo,	Eld. E. M. Barnard,	Peters Creek, Va	25
Mountain,	J. M. Rector,	Baywood, Virginia	15
Mates Creek,	H. S. Carter,	Coleman, Kentucky	15
New River,	Eld. F. P. Branscome,	Laurel Fork, Virginia	20
Pig River,	Eld. E. L. Blankenship,	Boon Mill, Virginia	15
Roaring River,	M. L. Lyon,	Trap Hill, N. C.	15
Staunton River,	R. L. Dodson,	Ringold, Virginia	15
U. Country Line,	S. J. Hall,	Cedar Grove, N. C.	16
Zion,	C. L. Woltz,	Galax, Virginia,	20
Senter,	J. M. Dickson,	Crumpler, N. C.,	20
Smiths River,	Elder Q. D. Weeks,	R. 2, Willis, Virginia,	20
Salem,	W. L. Teague,	Winston-Salem, N. C.,	15

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Church Meetings	Ordained Min.	Licensed Min.	Received by Ex.	Received by Let.	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Albion	Albert Smith and E. D. Slate	4	2		3			1		1	38	2 00
Ararat	Elder A. M. Denny, A. Z. Denny and Sid Fulk	2	4	1	3			2		1	49	1 25
Deep Creek	J. L. Hall, J. R. Hall and J. H. Spencer	1			6			3			26	1.55
Fishers River	Wilson Creed and M. Nicols.	2			3						21	.65
Fishers Gap	Not represented.											
Franklin	Elder R. H. Riggans and J. F. Riggans.	3	2		3					1	45	1 00
Hogans Creek	S. D. Key and Joe Key	3							1		43	1 00
Laurel Springs	W. A. Dunbar and H. M. Southern	4									32	1.00
Liberty	C. H. Parker and R. S. Poindexter	1								1	29	1.00
Little Vine	Nathan Creed, J. J. Williams and J. S. McGhee	4								1	44	1.10
Mulberry	J. M. Eldredge and A. B. Key.	1		1		1					27	1 25
Pool Mountain	Elder G. O. Key, J. A. Fry and Wm. Simmons	1	2		6	1				1	50	2 00
Rock House	Elder D. Counts, J. P. Stringfield and G. H. Lawson	2	2		14	1				1	65	1.75
State Road	Elder J. M. Royal and W. F. Nixon.	3								1	26	1 00
Stoney Creek	A. F. Stone, J. L. Tilley and J. E. Simmons	3		1	2						26	3 20
Stuarts Creek	Elder J. R. Cruise, R. W. Mosley and P. W. Watson	3	1								72	1 50
Toms Creek	W. Q. Hunter, Louis Priddy and Samuel Arrington	2	1	1	10	1					108	3 50
Union	K. D. Key, C. W. Stone and E. W. Mosley	4	2	1	18	1					93	2 75
Volunteer	Elder W. M. Stone and P. W. Lawrence	3	2								32	.85
	Totals	18	5	68	5		7	1	8		826	28 30

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Of The

86th ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

FISHERS RIVER
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

LITTLE VINE

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

On Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday
August 9th, 10th and 11th, 1918

OFFICERS:

Elder W. H. Atkinson, Moderator, R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
Elder F. P. Stone, Clerk, R. F. D. 1, Francisco, N. C.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1918

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Crouse from the Mountain Association. Text 2 c. Eph. 8 v. "By grace are ye saved, etc."

2. After recess the Messengers met in the house and after prayer by Eld. J. W. Beasley from Mayo. Elders J. W. Beasley, J. P. Gardner and J. S. Morrison were sent to the stand to preach this afternoon.

3. The letters from the different churches were received, read and their Messengers seated except Ararat's and their letter was referred to the Committee on arrangements.

4. Seated correspondents and visitors from the sister Associations as follows: From Zion, Eld. J. P. Gardner, Robert Hall and John Jones correspondents. R. S. Creed, J. F. Fulk, visitors. Mayo, Eld. J. W. Beasley, W. T. Collins and J. E. Hutchins, correspondents. Eld. E. M. Barnard, H. C. Lackey and T. C. Hall visitors from New River. Eld. R. P. Vass, correspondent from the Mountain. Eld. J. M. Crouse, C. G. Fender and A. J. Galyan, correspondent, Emet Richardson and J. M. Rector visitors. Roaring River, J. A. Coleman, M. A. Lyons, correspondents, S. A. Lyons and J. W. Lyons, visitors. Smith River, Eld. L. I. Gilbert, correspondents and a file of minutes from Mayo, Roaring River, Staunton River, Salem, Abbotts Creek, Senter, Kehukee, Pig River, Little River, Lower Country Line, Contentnea, Mountain.

5. Called for petitionery letters, none presented.

6. The present Moderator and Clerk were re-elected by acclamation.

7. Agreed to omit the appointment of a committee on correspondents. The Moderator and Clerk to make all temporary appointments and they appointed Eld. D. Collins, Eld. J. W. Creed and J. M. Eldridge to act with them as a committee on arrangements. (b) Brethern R. W. Mosely, J. L. Love a committee on finance. (c) C. W. Stone, T. M. Wood and C. L. Arrington to act with the Moderator and Messengers of this Church as a committee on preaching. (d) Brethern Joe Key and E. D. Slate a committee to distribute corresponding minutes.

8. The committee on preaching reported as follows: For Saturday, 1st. L. I. Gilbert, 2nd. J. M. Crouse, 3rd. E. M. Barnard, 4th. R. P. Vass. For Sunday: 1st. H. D. Mickey, 2nd. D. Collins, 3rd. J. P. Gardner, 4th.

George Denney.

9. Adjourned till Saturday at 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10TH, 1918

1. The deliberations were opened with prayer by Eld. G. O. Key.

2. Called the roll and struck out the names of absentees.

3. The report of the committee on arrangements was received and the committee discharged.

4. The Ararat Church Letter was read, received and the messenger seated.

5. Read Covenant, Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

6. In compliance with the request of Volunteer Church, Eld. F. P. Stone was appointed to write the Obituary of Eld. W. M. Stone. Eld. H. D. Mickey to assist him.

7. Is it legal to ordain an exmember of Dover Church as Deacon. It is unanimously agreed that we stand by the action of 1912.

8. Elders G. D. Key, D. Collins, J. W. Creed and W. H. Atkins were appointed to meet with the Church at Fishers Run for the purpose of ordaining Brethren John M. Nicols and Green Clifton to the office of Deacon if found orthodox.

9. By the request of Albion, Elders G. O. Key, W. H. Atkinson and J. S. Morrison were appointed to meet with their Moderator, Elder F. P. Stone on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August 1918 to inquire into the qualification of Bro. E. D. Slate and ordain him to the office of Deacon if found orthodox and that Eld. F. P. Stone to write the Obituary of Deacon Albert Smith.

10. Elders J. M. Royal, D. Collins, Geo. Denney were appointed to meet with Union to ordain A. D. Key and John M. Fulk to the office of Deacon if found orthodox.

11. The circular letter was ordered read and ordered attached to these minutes.

12. Called for the Obituary of Deacon L. R. Alberly and as it was not received the appointment of Eld. G. D. Denney stands.

13. The Presbytery reported the ordination of Eld. J. S. Morrison at Stoney Creek.

14. Called on the committee to report on the Rock

Spring Matter and their appointment was continued.

15. It is unanimously agreed that we advise the Church at Ararat to require Eld. C. B. Denney to cease serving an excluded Church or recognizing excluded members or circulating letters or making declarations detrimental to the peace and dignity of this Association or any of its members.

16. Called for the report of correspondents. The report of those who attended were received and those who did not were excused.

17. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON

18. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Abbotts Creek, R. L. Jones and Eld. H. D. Mickey. To Mayo, Elders W. H. Atkinson, F. P. Stone and J. S. Morrison. Smiths River, Elders H. D. Mickey and D Collins. Mountain, Elders J. M. Royal, W. H. Atkinson, J. S. Morrison and Bro. R. L. Jones. Zion, Elders, R. H. Riggan, J. W. Beasley and Bro. R. L. Jones. Salem, Elder H. D. Mickey and Bro. H. M. Southern. Roaring River, Elder J. W. Creed and Brethern C. W. Stone, J. T. Riggan, Joe Key and Elder J. M. Royal. New River, Elders F. P. Stone, G. O. Key and R. H. Riggans.

19. The Clerk was appointed to write our next circular letter.

20. Agreed to hold our next session of this Association with the Church at Rock House, 7 miles East of Pilot Mountain, Stokes County, N. C. Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in August 1919.

21. Ordered the Clerk to have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

22. Agreed to give our Clerk the usual fee of $10.00 for his services.

23. Committee on finance reported:

Received from the Churches	$62.50
Paid Printer and Postage	
Clerk's fee	10.00
Remainder in Clerk's hands	

24. We authorize the Clerk to pay the expenses of Rock Spring Committee as they may require it.

25. Offered a resolution thanks to the Brethren, Sisters and friends for their kindness in entertaining this Association.

26. These minutes were read, approved and re-

ceived.

27. Then adjourned till time and place appointed.

W. H. Atkinson, Moderator.
F. P. Stone, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed by the Association to write a circular letter, with fear and trembling I comply. I remember when our Lord came to the grave of Lazarus he called in the Power and authority of his own Majesty. Lazarus came forth and he having been dead 4 days, came forth prepared to believe in the resurrection of the dead. John tells us the hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live. He told Martha and Mary that he was the resurrection and the Life and proved it when he raised the dead. This is the Lord's way to convince the dead sinner that he is the Christ and that he is the resurrection and the life. So when he speaks to the dead sinner the sinner always hears and always lives and being made alive by the power of divinity lives forever. So as John tells us he that believes on the Son hath everlasting life. So we see in this perfect system of salvation by grace there is no condition to be conformed to by the live or dead sinner. All Adam's race is dead in trespasses and in sin until they receive or hear this special call which is an individual call and also a holy calling. Paul after he received this call was qualified by it to say for himself and all the redeemed who will ever behold him in glory that he hath saved us and called us with an holy calling not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace given us in Christ before the world began. Paul said to this corrector, who had the spirit of prayer, "Because ye were sons God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying Abba Father." So then we have it that it is not by works of rightousness that we have done but by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, which he abundantly shed on us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Then it follows that we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works that God before the world ordained that we should walk in them, so we live and walk in him who

bled for us on the tree of the cross, so we preach and believe in the blood.

Your unworthy Brother.

GOKER.

THE PREACHING

Friday—Elder J. W. Beasley, Elder John P. Gardner and Elder J. S. Morrison. Clerk failed to get their subjects.

Saturday—1. Elder L. I. Gilbert. Clerk failed to get subject.
2. Elder J. M. Crouse. Clerk failed to get subject.
3. Elder E. M. Barnard. Text, 2 Tim. 1c 13v.
4. Elder R. P. Vass. Text, Mat. 24c. 4v.

Sunday—1. Elder H. D. Mickey. Hebrews 10c 7v.
2. Elder D. Collins. Zach. 13c. 1v.
3. Elder J. P. Gardner. Clerk failed to get subject.
4. Elders Geo. Denney. Clerk failed to get subject.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

ELDERS

G. Denney ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
A. M. Denney ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
C. B. Denney ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
H. Caln ---------- R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
G. O. Key ---------- Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson ---------- R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey ---------- R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal ---------- Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ---------- R. 1, Westfield, N. C.
F. P. Stone ---------- R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denney ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed ---------- R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins ---------- R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggans ---------- R. F. D., Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. R. Cruis ---------- Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. W. Beasley ---------- R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Jesse Dunbar ---------- Rockford, N. C.
J. S. Morrison ---------- R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES

W. J. Key ---------- Ararat, N. C.
J. Key ---------- Winston-Salem, N. C.
Charley Adams ---------- R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
C. W. Stone ---------- Rockford, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Ministers	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licensed Min.	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Albion	E. D. Slate, J. M. Hooker, Killas, Dallyhight	4	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	36	$ 4.55
Ararat	E. D. Denney, M. L. Cox, A. Z. M. Denney	2	4	--	1	--	--	--	--	3	48	2.05
Conner's Grove	Daniel Jefferson, T. J. Gates and J. W. Beasley	2	1	--	--	2	--	1	--	--	1	2.00
Deep Creek	J. R. Hall, J. L. Hall	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	43	2.25
Fisher's River	Green, Clifton, Wilson, Creed, John M. Nicols	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	4	1	15	1.60
Fisher's Gap	Albert Hodge, Samey Lowe, Malon Lowe, W. S. Gentrey	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	51	2.20
Franklin	Elder Rab H. Riggans, J. R. Thompson and J. T. Riggan	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	42	3.30
Hogan's Creek	S. D. Key, Joe Key, J. W. Wall	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	42	1.50
Laurel Springs	W. A. Dunbar, Z. E. Chandler, Melvin Southern	2	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	20	2.00
Liberty	C. H. Parker, R. S. Poindexter, and H. F. Coe	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	29	2.00
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchel, J. J. Williams, J. D. Freeman	4	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	1	48	2.00
Mulberry	T. M. Wood, J. M. Eldridge, R. Draughn, Ab. Key	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	24	1.75
Pilot Mountain	Eld. G. O. Key, J. H. Sheets and J. W. Simmons	1	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	3	48	5.00
Rock House	Eld. D. Collins, J. P. Slawter, Eld. J. L. Pyrtle	2	2	--	--	2	--	1	1	2	65	5.20
State Road	Eld. J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, Simeon Wood	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	23	2.60
Stoney Creek	J. M. Hunter, J. H. Barnes, J. L. Tilley	3	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	27	5.50
Stuart's Creek	R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones, P. W. Watson	3	--	--	11	--	--	--	--	1	79	5.00
Tom's Creek	J. L. Lowe, J. S. Arrington and Sandy Inman	2	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	104	5.00
Union	Eld. J. W. Creed, G. J. Key, C. W. Stone	4	2	2	4	--	--	1	--	1	89	6.00
Volunteer	Eld. H. D. Mickey, P. W. Lawrence, Franklin Chandley	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	31	1.00

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Churches	Clerks	Postoffice	No. of Min.
Albion	E. D. Slate	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	45
Ararat	Elder George Denney	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	55
Conner's Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Box 13, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	Siloam, N. C.	35
Fisher's River	J. M. Nichols	White Plains	25
Fisher's Gap	Mahlon Low	Low Gap, N. C.	55
Franklin	Elder R. H. Riggans	Dobson, N. C.	50
Hogan's Creek	S. D. Key	Rockford, N. C.	40
Laurel Springs	Z. E. Chandler	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	Crutchfield, N. C.	30
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchel	Dobson, N. C.	45
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	R. 1, State Road, N. C.	30
Pilot Mountain	J. W. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	60
Rock House	W. P. Smith	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	60
State Road	W. F. Nixon	State Road, N. C.	30
Stoney Creek	Elder J. S. Morrison	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	35
Stuart's Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	70
Tom's Creek	S. L. Arrington	R. R., Mt. Airy, N. C.	100
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	90
Volunteer	P. W. Lawrence	R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.	30

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Associations	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owen	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	15
Contentnea	J. P. Tingle	Grantsboro, N. C.	22
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Virginia	14
Kehukee	Elder B. S. Cowing	R. 2, Williamston, N. C.	15
Ketockton	Eld. T. S. Dalton, 3024	Prestman St. Baltimore, Md.	15
Little River	Elder J. A. T. Jones	McCullers, N. C.	21
L. Conntry Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	15
Mayo	Elder E. M. Barnard	Peters Creek, Virginia	20
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Virginia	17
Mates Creek	H. S. Carter	Coleman, Ky.	15
New River	Elder F. P. Branscome,	Laurel Fork, Virginia	20
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Virginia	20
Roaring River	M. L. Lyon	Trap Hill, N. C.	11
Staunton River	R. L. Dolson	Ringgold, Virginia	15
U. Country Line	S. J. Hall	Cedar Grove, N. C.	15
Zion	Elder R. T. Monday	Mt. Airy, N. C.	11
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Boone, N. C.	14
Smiths River	Elder J. D. Cockram	Floyd, Virginia	20
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	15
		Total No.	310

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MINUTES
OF THE
FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Held with the Church at Rockhouse, Stokes County, North Carolina, Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday, August, 8, 9, 10, 1919.

OFFICERS:

Elder W. H. Atkinson, Moderator, R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
Elder F. P. Stone, Clerk, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

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A. B. Key,.....Rusk, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

1. The services were introduced with singing and prayer by Elder G. O Key, and the introductory sermon preached by Elder W. F. Pruitt, of Upper Country Line, from the text: "Follow thou me."—St. John 21:19.

2. After an intermission, the messengers assembled in the house; and after prayer by G. P. Allen, from Zion Association, letters from the different churches were read, received and the messengers seated.

3. Organized by re-electing Elder W. H. Atkinson Moderator, and Elder F. P. Stone, Clerk, and Brother G. J. Key, assistant Clerk.

4. Seated Correspondents and Visitors, as follows: From Zion, Elders G. P. Allen, R. T. Monday and J. D. Easter, correspondents, and Elder J. A. Moxley, visitor; From Mayo, G. R. Cammell, G. C. Shelton, Elders G. D. Staples, H. V. Hutchens and G. M. Trent, correspondents, Elders L. T. Tucker, J. W. Beasley, J. A. Fagg, and Brethren J. D. Young, W. H. Freeman, S. J. Corn, J. E. Hutchens, A. M. Flippin, H. L. Craddock, B. F. Craddock, T. W. Tilley, Lee Tilley, A. A. Jefferson, Jim Jefferson and W. T. Collins, visitors; From New River, Elder S. L. Moran, correspondent, and Elder H. V. Cole, visitor; From Smiths River, Elder L. J. Gilbert, correspondent; From Salem, Elder S. J. Reich, correspondent, and C. A. Sprinkle and Ellis Tate, Visitors; From Upper Country Line, Elder W. F. Pruitt, correspondent, and J. R. Jones, Visitor. Received a file of minutes from Staunton River, Senter, Salem, Roaring River, Lower Country Line, Zion, Ebenezer, Mountain, Little River, Kehukee, Abbotts Creek, New River and Pig River associations. And Prof. H. E. Oliphant, from Danville Association, of Ind.

5. Called for Petitionary Letters—none received.

6. Agreed that the Moderator and Clerk appoint all committees, and they appointed Elder J. W. Creed, J. T. Riggan

and B. P. Smith to serve with them as a Committee on Arrangements; the Moderator and Messengers of this church a Committee on preaching; J. M. Eldridge and G. J. Key a Committee on Finance; and Elder J. W. Beasley and W. F. Nixon a Committee to distribute Corresponding minutes.

7. The Committee on preaching reported, for Saturday, H. V. Cole, L. I. Gilbert, J. A. Moxley, S. L. Moran, R. T. Monday and G. P. Allen; and for Sunday, G. M. Trent, S. J. Reich, H. T. Hutchens, O. J. Denny and J. A. Fagg.

8. Adjourned till Saturday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

Saturday, August 9, 1919.

1. The deliberations were opened with prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg, from Mayo.

2. Called the Roll and struck out the names of absentees.

3. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was received and the committee discharged.

4. Read Covenant, Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

5. Read the obituaries of Elder Wm. M. Stone, and Deacons Albert Smith and F. R. Stone, which were approved and ordered that they be attached to these minutes.

6. The Circular Letter was read, received and ordered attached to these minutes.

7. The presbytery sent to Fishers River reported the ordination of Green Clifton to the office of deacon.

8. The presbytery to Albion reported the ordination of E. D. Slate to the office of deacon.

9. The presbytery to Union was excused, and agreed to wait the futher request of the church.

10. The Rock Spring Committee reported as follows: To the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association:

We, your committee appointed to locate the boundaries of the Rock Spring Church lot, beg leave to submit the following report:

We met on the premises on the 28th day of July, 1919,

and by agreement with Luther Park, who owns the land adjoining the lot, located the boundaries as follows:

Beginning at Maud Winnie's head tombstone, formally a Black Oak, and runs North variation 4° 70 links to South bank of public road; thence South 72° West, with the old road, 3½ chains; thence South 51° West 2½ chains to a planted rock; thence South 20° East 3½ chains to a stake and pointers; thence North 72° East 4 chains to stake and pointers in the E. B. Hampton line; thence with said line to the beginning. Containing 2 acres, more or less. Said lines marked, corners established and agreed upon this August 28, 1919.

J. M. Eldridge }
J. T. Riggan } Com.

The report was received and their appointment continued

11. In compliance with the request of Laurel Spring church, Bro. J. T. Riggan was appointed to write the obituary of Deacon C. W. York.

12. In compliance with the request of Pilot Mountain Church, Deacon Wm. Simmons was appointed to write the obituary of Deacon S. A. Taylor.

13. Called for report of Correspondents. The report of those who attended was received, and those who did not were excused.

14. Appointed Correspondents as follows: To Mayo, Elders J. Walter Beasley, D. Collins and F. P. Stone; To Mountain, Elder J. M. Royal; To Zion, Elders J. Walter Beasley and J. W. Creed; To Salem, Elders H. D. Mickey, W. H. Atkinson, G. O. Key, F. P. Stone, and Brethren H. M. Southern, J. L. Tilley and J. E. Tilley; To Roaring River, Elder J. M. Royal and Martin Payne; and to Upper Country Line, Elders G. O. Key and J. S. Morrison.

15. Elder Morrison was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

16. Agreed that we hold the next session of this association with the church at Conners Grove, 4 miles N. E. from Mt. Airy, N. C., to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1920.

17. Agreed to have the usual number of 1,200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

18. Agreed to give our Clerk the usual fee of $10 00

19. Agreed that we give to our Moderator $10 00 for his services.

20 The Committee on Finance reported as follows :

Received from the churches		$48 45
Remainder in Clerk's hands		$26 86
Paid J. T. Biggan	$5 00	
Paid J. M. Eldridge	8 00	
Paid expense of Committee	17 31	
Paid Clerk fee	10.00	
Paid for printing and postage	25.00	
Paid to our Moderator	10 00	
Total	$75 31	$75 31

21. Agreed that the Clerk turn over to Brother J. M. Eldridge $17.31 to pay expenses of the Rock Springs Com.

22. Offered a resolution of thanks to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends for their hospital entertainment of the association.

23. Adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

W. H. ATKISON, Mod.

F. P. STONE, Clerk.

REMARKS: After the association had adjourned, it was agreed by the brethren to receive Prof. H. E. Oliphant as a visitor from the Danville Association of Indiana, and place his name in our minutes.

Prof. H. E. Oliphant is a Pro. of the University of Chicago, Ill., and a member of the Danville Association, of Indiana His brother. Dr. H. N. Oliphant are great grandsons of Elder Thomas Oliphant, the first moderator of Ararat church, and who emigrated to Indiana in 1827 or 1828, selling his property to Elder John Jones, of Patrick county, Virginia. Elder Jones moved on the property and was elected as moderator, to fill the place vacated by Elder Oliphant. Elder Jones served till his death, 1875. He served as Moderator of the Fishers River Association about 30 years. Elder Gabriel Denny, the present pastor of Ararat, succeeded Elder John Jones.—F. P STONE, CLERK.

THE PREACHING.

Friday, P. M. — 1. Elder J. William Beasley, John 21:15 ; 2. Elder D. G. Staples, 1 Peter 1:5 ; 3. Elder J. A. Moxley, 2 Tim. 4:2

Saturday—1, Elder H. V. Cole, Prov. 16:5 ; 2, L. I. Gilbert. John 17:9 ; [3] J. A. Moxley. Eccl. 31:1 ; 4, Elder Sam Moran Eph. 2:4 ; 5. Elder R. T. Monday, Joh 7:17 ; 6. Elder G. P. Allen. Ps. 89:15.

Sunday—1, Elder G. M. Trent, Ps 42:11 ; 2.Elder S. J. Welch, S. S. 2:10 ; 3, Elder H. F. Hutchens, Ps. 23:1 ; 4, Elder O. J. Denny, John 11:25,26 ; 5, Elder J. A. Fagg, Matt. 4:19.

The preaching was harmonious and a greater manifestation of the power of God we have never seen in any audience, for which we feel greatful to God the Father, the Giver of ever good and perfect gift.

Two dear sisters came telling of the blessedness of a sinner saved by grace.—F. P. STONE, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Being appointed to write this our annual Circular Letter, I undertake it, realizing that it is not for fun or fashion, but for the benefit of the household of faith—feeling my weakness, I undertake to do so with an aching heart; but trustiug that God will so direct me that the message I now pen will be as bread cast upon the waters.

Our association has been under a burden caused by the evil spirit, or a missunderstanding among us. It appears as though we will have to have a Moses to lead us out. But the Lord said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee." But we are all proud to admit that we have felt the presence of the Lord; that we have had the golden scepter held out to us, conveying to us a welcome to stay in his presence, basking in the sunshine of his countenance, feasting in his banqueting house, with his banner of love spread over us. That, and it alone, makes us feel like falling at the feet of our enemies and praying for them that despitefully use us, realizing daily the need of God's saving efficacy: for as Paul said we, too, must say: "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good things." But in our spirit dwells that immortal life, which is Christ in us the hope of glory. So

> "Trust Him, ye saints, in all your ways,
> Pour out your hearts before His face;
> When helpers fail and foes invade,
> God is our all sufficient aid."

He that is without sin, let him cast the first stoue. Let us first consider that if we will not forgive those who trespass against us, how can we expect our heavenly Father to forgive us? Let each one of us commence at home, sweeping our door-steps clean, getting the beam out of our own eye, and then offer to help our brother. Grace has brought us safe this far, and we hope it will lead us home. We are bound together in one united cause, and that is for the upbuilding of God's militant kingdom on earth, the comforting of God's little ones. So, why should we strive one against another? for we are brethren in hope and in tribulation till God shall see it best to liberate us from this earthly tabernacle. Then may it be our happy lot to meet where our association will never break up, and where our Sabbaths never end.

Your unworthy servant.

ELDER F. P. STONE.

OBITUARIES.

Deacon Albert Smith was born in Patrick county, Virginia, May 15, 1842: died May 11, 1918, aged 75 years, 11 months and 26 days.

He married Lemina Adams, daughter of Deacon Samuel Adams, Oct. 1, 1865. To this union were born 3 boys and 5 girls. One boy and two girls died in infancy.

After his marriage, he settled in Surry county, N. C., near Westfield, where he spent the remainder of his days.

He joined an arm of the church in the grove, near where Albion church house now stands, in the summer of 1898; and he, and his dear wife, became a part of the body constituted into the church at Albion, July 8, 1898, and on that date was ordained a deacon, which office he filled till death.

Brother Smith was a standard for his community. Being a successful farmer, he provided ample for his family, with plenty for old age. He was a hospital host in his home to his neighbors, friends and all true lovers of the truth. He was faithful in the discharge of his duty as he saw it, and was ever ready to lend a helping hand in any way he could.

His beloved wife died in Feb., 1916, and he spent the remainder of his days with his grandson, Mr Walter Smith, a motherless boy whom he and Sister Smith raised up to call them blessed.

Brother Smith volunteered and served four years in the Confederate army, coming out without being hurt by bullet or sword, showing that the Lord was with him, keeping and preserving him.

But now his race is run and his last battle is over. So, children and loved ones, look toward that city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God: for there we hope to meet those gone before.

His pastor,
ELDER F. P. STONE.

R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

Deacon Lemuel B. Alburty was born May 11, 1842: died May 5, 1916.

He married Lucindy White about the year 1861; joined the church at Center, about 1877; was chosen clerk about the year 1879, serving untill his death; was ordained Deacon Nov., 1899, and served faithfully in that capacity unull his death.

He left his wife and six children, three sons and three daughters, to mourn his loss. All are yet living.

He was a Confederate soldier, faithful to the call of his country; a good citizen and neighbor, a kind husband and father. He proved his faith by his works, by discharging the various duties assigned to him until it pleased God to call him home to rest from all his toiles here.

ELDER GABRIEL DENNY.

Deacon F. R. Stone was born in Surry county, N. C., under the shadow of the historical Pilot Mountain, March 6, 1828: died March 30, 1918, making his pilgrimage on earth 90 years and 24 days. He was married to Sarah Caroline Poindexter March 4, 1852, to which union were born 13 children, 3 of which died in infancy and 10 lived to manhood and womanhood. His companion, 7 children, 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren preceded him

to the grave. Four daughters, Mrs. A. J. Tayler, of R. 1, Ararat, N. C.; Mrs. M. A. Fulk, of R. 3, Pilot Mountain, N. C.; Mrs. S. W. Stone, of Osowatomia, Kans.; and Mrs. J. H. Sheets, of Pilot Mountain, N. C.; 2 sons, J. A. Stone, of Spokane, Wash., and the writter; 66 grandchildren and 80 great-grandchildren survive him. He and our mother joined the Missionary Baptists in 1862 or 63. But each became dissatisfied and, in Oct., 1866, joined the Primitive Baptists at Ararat church, N. C., and were baptized in the following November. He was ordained a deacon in Sept., 1868, and served his church faithfully and acceptably till death claimed him. At the ontbreak of the Civil war he, having moved to Grayson county, Virginia, May 15, 1862, serving in 51st Virginia Regiment, Company K, with S. M. Dickey Captain. He was in the battles of New Market, Winchester, Cedar Creek, Currenstown, and around Richmond, and came out without a wound. He came home on a furlough a few days before the surrender and did not return. But our mother, suffered many privations, had left Virginia, and was with her father. They then settled near his birth place, where they remained eating their own bread in the sweat of their face, till 1872, when he took charge of grist mill, on Toms Creek, two and one-half miles west of Pilot Mountain, N. C., where, by industry and honest dealings, and with the help of an Industrious companion, made a sufficiency for themselves and family, and something to spare. His door was ever open to his friends and brethren, especially to traveling preachers. We well remember in our boyhood days that Elders Isaac Webb, A. J. Taylor and I. J. Taylor, and others, made our home theirs while passing that way. In 1889, he removed to the farm again, where he labored faithfully till old age rendered him unable. He and our mother were granted letters in Nov, 1896, and were in the constitution of the church at Pilot Mountain, where they remained, filling their seats as faithfully as they well could, the remainder of their days. After the death of our mother (July 5, 1911) he made his home with his children, but spending most of the time with Mrs A. J. Taylor. On his last birthday, I drove 20 miles to the home of my sister, Mrs. M. A. Fulks, where he was, taking him to Ararat church that day, and to Pilot Mountain church that night to hear Elder Samuel McMillan, of High Point, preach, which he seemed to enjoy very much. It was the last preaching he ever heard. I conveyed him to my home next day, where, on March 30, 1918, he died from a stroke of paralysis. On April the 1, we conveyed his remaines to Union church and laid him beside our dear mother, to await till the resurrection morning.

The king of terrors did appear—
His soul had peace within—
The monster, Death, he did not fear,
For he had lost his sting.

His youngest son,
ELDER F. P. STONE.

R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

Elder Wm. M. Stone was born in Surry county, N. C., July 14, 1850: died March 18, 1918, aged 67 years, 8 months and 4 days.

He was married to Lousetta Boyles (who preceded him to the grave) Sept. 18, 1870, to whom were born 12 children, 2 of whom died in infancy.

He joined the church at Ararat, in May, 1885, and was baptized in June

following, by Elders G. and C. B. Denny; was ordained a deacon, in Aug., 1888; and an Elder, in Feb., 1891. He and his wife joined the church at Volunteer, by letter, Saturday before the third Sunday in Aug., 1893, where they remained consistent members till death called them home.

Brother Stone was a farmer by trade and provided well for his family. He served as moderator of his home church for several years, and up to one year before he died. He was not as eloquent as some, but we can truthfully say we had no man stronger in the faith nor sounder in doctrine than he. But now his labors are over, his race run, and he is gone to his reward.

So, to his children, we will say, Grieve not. He is only gone before. May we be resigned to God's will till we meet him who is gone before.

How gentle was the stroke divine,
Which bowed his head in death;
How peaceful did his soul resign
His friends, his life, his breath.

Written, at the request of the church, by

ELDER F. P. STONE.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE SEVERAL CHURCHES.

Churches	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Albion	E. D. Slate,	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	45
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny,	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	50
Conners Grove,	T. J. Gates,	R. 2, Box 15, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer,	Siloam, N. C.	35
Fishers River	Wilson Creed,	White Plains, N. C.	25
Fishers Gap	Mahlon Low,	Low Gap, N. C.	45
Franklin	Eld. R. H. Riggan,	Dobson, N. C.	50
Hogans Creek	S. D. Key,	Rockford, N. C.	40
Laurel Springs	Z. E. Chandler,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter,	Crutchfield, N. C.	30
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell,	Dobson, N. C.	40
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge,	R. 1, State Road, N. C.	30
Pilot Mtn.	J. H. Sheets,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	60
Rock House	W. P. Smith,	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	55
State Road	W. F. Nixon,	State Road, N, C.	25
Stoney Creek	Elder J. S. Morrison,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	35
Stuarts Creek	R. W. Mosley,	R.1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	65
Toms Creek	S. L. Arrington,	R. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.	85
Union	G. J. Key,	Ararat, N. C.	80
Volunteer	P. W. Lawrence,	R. 1. Pinnacle, N. C.	30

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Associations.	Clerks.	Address.	No. of Min.
Abbotts Creek,	A. L. Owen,	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.,	15
Contentnea,	J. P. Tingle,	Grantsboro, N. C.,	22
Ebenezer,	W. L. Carpenter,	Brightwood, Virginia,	14
Kehukee,	Elder B. S. Cowing,	R. 2. Williamston, N. C.,	40
Ketocton,	Elder T. S. Dalton,	2425 Keyworth Ave., Balt., Md.	15
Little River,	Elder J. A. T. Jones,	McCullers, N. C.,	22
L. Country Line,	J. H. Gooch,	Stem, N. C.,	15
Mayo,	S. G. Dobyns,	Claudville, Virginia,	25
Mountain,	J. M. Rector,	Baywood, Virginia,	17
New River,	Elder F. P. Branscome,	Laurel Fork, Virginia,	24
Pig River,	Elder E. L. Blakenship,	Boone Mill, Virginia,	24
Roaring River,	J. A. Brooks,	Sparta, N. C.	11
Staunton River,	R. L. Dodson,	Ringgold, Virginia	17
U. County Line,	S. J. Hall,	Cedar Grove, N. C.	15
Zion,	Elder R. T. Monday,	R. R. Mt. Airy, N. C	11
Senter,	J. F. Hartzog,	Boone, N. C.,	13
Smith River,	Elder J. D. Cockram,	Stuart, Virginia.	20
Salem,	W. L. Teague,	Winston-Salem, N. C.	9

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCHES	Church Meetings	Ordained Min.	Licensed Min.	Received by Ex.	Received by Let.	Restored	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	No. In Fellowship	Contributions
Albion,	E. D. Slate, B. P. Smith and J. M. Hooker,	4									36	3.15
Ararat,	W. E. Nixon, J. D. Key and J. M. Jones,	2	4					1		3	44	1.50
Conners Grove,	Elder J. W. Beasley, P. J. Gates and Bob Beasley,	2	1		3	2				1	28	1.75
Dyer Creek,	S. P. Owens, R. L. Hall and J. H. Spencer,	1						2		2	40	1.50
Fishers River	Green Tarpley, John Nichols and Wilson Creed,										15	1.40
Fishers Gap,	Mahlon Low,	3								1	50	2.10
Franklin,	Elder R. H. Riggan and J. T. Riggan,	1									38	4
Hogans Creek,	S. D. Key, Joe Key and J. W. Wall,	3								1	42	1.50
Laurel Springs,	Z. E. Chandler and Melvin Southern,	2				2				1	21	1.50
Liberty,	Richard Poindexter and William Holyfield,	1			1					1	31	1.50
Little Vine,	Martin Payne and Jacob Mitchell,	4			8					1	51	1.95
Mulberry,	J. M. Eldridge and J. D. Freeman,	1		1							26	1.50
Pilot Mountain,	Elder G. O. Key and William Simmons,	1			2	1					54	4.00
Rock House,	J. P. Slaughter, J. E. Tilley and Elder D. Collins,	2	2								65	4.30
State Road,	Elder J. M. Royal and W. F. Nixon,	3									23	1.00
Stoney Creek,	A. T. Stone, J. L. Tilley and E. P. Simmons,	3	1		2					2	27	3.50
Sturts Creek,	R. W. Mosley and J. D. Jones,	3	1	1	1						79	3.50
Toms Creek,	A. Q. Hunter, S. L. Arrington and Y. W. Simmons.	2	1	1			1			5	101	5.25
Union,	G. J. Key, L. P. Venable and J. W. Creed,	4	2	2					5	2	81	4.00
Volunteer,	Elder H. D. Mickey and T. R. Sams,	4									30	2.05
	Todals,		12	5	17	5	1	3	5	22	870	$48.45

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MINUTES
OF THE
FISHERS RIVER
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
Held with the Church at Conners Grove, Surry County, North Carolina, Friday, Saturday and second Sunday, August 6, 7, and 8, 1920.

Elder W. H. Atkinson, Moderator,
R. 1, Round Peak, North Carolina

Elder F. P. Stone, Clerk,
R. F. D. 1, Francisco, North Carolina

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

ELDERS.

Gabriel Denny,.....R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
A. M. Denny,.....R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
C. B. Denny,.....R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
Henderson Cain,.....R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
G. O. Key,.....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson,.....R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey,.....R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal,.....Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle,.....R. 1, Westfield, N. C.
F. P. Stone,.....R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denny,.....R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed,.....R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins,.....R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggan,.....R. F. D., Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. R. Cruise,.....Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. W. Beasley,.....R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Jesse Dunbar,.....Rockford, N. C.
J. S. Morrison,.....R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

W. J. Key,.....Ararat, N. C.
J. Key,.....Winston-Salem, N. C.
Charley Adams,.....R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
C. W. Stone,.....Rockford, N. C.
A. B. Key,.....Rusk, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

1. The services were introduced and the introductory sermon preached by Elder D. Collins from St. John 1:1.

2. After intermission, the messengers assembled in the house, with prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg, of Mayo. Then the letterers from the several churches were read and messengers seated.

3. Organized by electing Elder W. H. Atkinson Moderator, and Elder F. P. Stone Clerk.

4. Seated correspondents and visitors as follows: From Zion, Elders G. P. Allen, J. P. Gardner, John Easter and Brother John H. McCraw Sr., correspondents; and Elders J. A. Moxley, H. A. Easter and M. P. Spencer, and Brethren R. S. Hall, M. W. Noonkester and J. F. Fulk, visitors; From Mayo, Elders J. A. Fagg, S. A. Thompson and A. A. Jefferson, correspondents; and Elders A. F. Hutchens, R. A. Arrington and Brethren J. Frank Mills, Jesse Beasley, J. W. Sehen, Sam Anderson and R. L. Anderson, visitors; From Smiths River, Elder Leander Dehart, visitor; From Salem, Ellis Tate, visitor; From Roaring River, Elder R. C. Martin, correspondent, and John N. Lyon, visitor; From the Danville Association, of Indiana, Elder W. A. Schench, vis.

5. Called for Petitionary Letters, but none were received.

6. It was moved, seconded and carried that we elect the Committee on Arrangements by private ballot, and Elders G. O. Key, H. D. Mickey and D. Collins were elected to serve with the Moderator and Clerk.

7. Elders John Eester and R. A. Arrington were chosen to preach at the stand.

8. The Committee on Preaching reported, for Saurday, (1) Elder G. P. Allen, (2) Elder R. C. Martin, (3) Elder J. A. Moxley, (4) Elder S. A. Thompson, (5) Brother R. T. Ander-

son; and, for Sunday, (1) Elder J. A. Fagg, (2) Elder H. F. Hutchens, (3) W. A. Schench, (4) W. H. Atkinson.

9. Appointed Brethren G. J. Key and J. M. Eldridge a Committee on Finance.

10 Adjourned till 9 co'lock Saturday morning.

Saturday, August 7, 1920.

1. The deliberations were opened with prayer by Elder W. A. Schench.

2. Called the roll and marked out the names of absentees.

3. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was received and the committee discharged.

4. Read Covenant, Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

5. The obituaries of Deacons S. A. Taylor and C. W. York were read, approved and ordered printed with these minutes.

6. The Circular Letter was read, approved and ordered attached to these minutes.

7. Agreed to grant the request of Pilot Mountain church for a presbytery and appointed Elders W. H. Atkinson and D. Collins to act with the Moderator and Deacons.

8. Called for the report of correspondents. The report of thoese who attended was received and those who did not attend were excused.

9. Appointed correspondents as follows: To Mayo, Elders D. Collins, W. H. Atkinson and Brother R. L. Jones; Zion, Elder W. H. Atkinson, W. A. Dunbar, Martin Payne, Wm. Nicholson and Joe Key; Salem, Elders G. O. Key, H. D. Mickey, F. P. Stone, and Brethren J. D. Key and R. L Hall; Roaring River, Elder J. M. Royal and Brother S. L. Arrington; Upper Country Line, Brother J. D. Key.

10. The Rockspring Committee reported, and their report

was received and the committee discharged.

11. Appointed the Clerk to write the next Circular Letter.

12. Agreed to hold the next session of this association with the church at Fishers Gap, one mile west of Low Gap and twenty miles west of Mt. Airy, N. C., to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1921.

13. Agreed to have the usual number of minutes printed, with the Covenant, Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

14. Agreed to give our Clerk $15.00 and expenses for his services.

15. The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Received from the churches		$56.45
Received private donations amounting to		20.50
Paid for printing and postage	$40.00	
Paid Clerk for his services	15.00	
Balnce in the hands of the Clerk	21.95	
Totals	$76.95	$76.95

16. Offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and many friends for their hospitality during the meeting and adjourned to time and place appointed.

P. S. It was said by many that more love was never seen manifested in any association than in this one. May we be blessed to see many more like it.—Clerk.

F. P. Stone, Clerk. W. H. Atkinson, Mod.

REPORT OF THE ROCK SPRING COMMITTEE.

J. M. Eldridge, J. T. Riggan and A. B. Key, Trustees of the Rock Spring Primitive Baptist Church

Vs.

L. C. Parks.

North Carolina,
Surry County } Before the Clerk.
Superior Court.

This cause coming on to be heard upon the verified com-

plaint filed, and it appearing to the court that summons has been duly served on the defendant, and the defendant having stated that he would not file an answer, and would consent for judgment establishing the boundaries between the lands of the plaintiff and the defendant, as set out in the complaint, which are as follows: Adjoining the lands of L. C. Park, Dr. E. B. Hampton lands, beginning at Mrs. Maud Winnie's head tombstone, formerly a blackoak, and running North—Variation 4 degrees—70 links to south bank of public road; then South 72 degres West, with the old road, 3.50 chains; then South 51 degrees West 2.50 chains to a planted rock; then South 20 degrees East 3.50 chains to stake and pointers; then North 72 degrees East 4 chains to a stake and pointers in the E. B. Hampton line; then with said line to the beginning, containing two acres more or less.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged that the lines as above set out are the true and correct boundary lines between the lands of the plaintiff and defendant.

It is further ordered and adjudged that the plaintiffs recover of the defendant the cost of the action.

It is further ordered that this judgment be registered in the office of Register of Deeds of Surry County.

This the 6th day of April, 1920.

J. A. Jackson, Clerk of Superior Court.

North Carolina, Surry County.

I, J. A. Jackton, Clerk of Superior Court for said county of Surry, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and perfect copy of the judgment rendered in the case intitled J. M. Eldridge, J. T. Riggan and A. B. Key, trustees of the Rock Spring Primitive Baptist church Vs. L. C. Park as the same of record on the minute docket of this court and on file in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal this 2nd day of Aug., 1290.

J. A. Jackson, Clerk of Superior Court.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Having been appointed by the Fishers River Association, at its last session, to write a circular letter for the consideration of the brethren and sisters composing the same, I will now attempt to do so, but with a keen sense of my unworthiness, feeling as I do that there is no good thing dwelling in my flesh.

Now we will use for the doctrine we wish to set forth in this letter a part of the first chapter of Epesians, beginning with the second verse and ending with the eleventh, which is as follows: "Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace, wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself; that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are in earth; even in him: in whom also we

have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."

Now I fail to see any condition on our part. Nowhere are we to take any part in this great arrangement. Neither do I believe that the God of our salvation has ever been disturbed during all these years since the creation of all things. But he has till this day been doing his will in heaven and among the inhabitants of earth. Neither do I believe that all denominations combined (Primitive Baptists with them) have ever been able to add to or take from that number, composing the elect family that God foresaw and said should be saved with an everlasting salvation.

Notwithstanding all this, we are sometimes made to say with David, "Oh that I knew whre I might find him! that I might pour out my complaint before him!" Yet, in his own good time, he reveals himself the fairest among ten thousand. We can then say with the same David, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Now this is my judgment; it is the way Primitive Baptists get along, first up and then down, but down the most of the time. But the same God, who created all things, promised to be with us in our uprisings and downsittings, and to be with us alway, even to the end of the world. That will be far enough.

So may God in his mercy watch over the brotherhood of Fishers River Association, together with our corresponding associations, and over His people, universally the world over, is the prayer of your unworthy writer.

Your brother, I hope, for peace and fellowship,

JAMES S. MORRISON.

CONSTITUTION, COVENANT, ARTICLES OF FAITH, AND RULES OF DECORUM.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the association.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowsnip, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and deceased since the last asosciation.

3. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

4. The association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a rugular and proper decorum.

5. The association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and, upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

8. Every query presented by a member shall be received and answered according to the scriptures.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

10. There shall be an associational book kept wherein the proceedings of the association shall be recorded by the clerk appointed by the association.

11. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, before the association rises.

12. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time the associaton may think it proper.

13. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

14. The association shall have power (1) to provide for the general union of the churches; (2) to preserve unviolable a chain of communion among the churches; (3) to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) to inquire into the cause why the churches at any time fail to represent themselves in the association; (5) to appoint any member or members, with his or their consent, to transact any business which seems to be necessary; (6) to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) to call-

mit any of our distant brethren into the association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting, if it shall think it necessary; (8) to adjourn themselves to any future time and place which they may think convenient to the churches in this union.

COVENANT.

We do now in the presence of Almighty God and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to Him, to be at His disposal for His glory, taking Him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and corruption; and to hold a continual warfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surity of His people; and under His covenant of grace we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves one to another, by the will of God freely covenanting and agreeing to and with each other to bear one another's burdens in the gospel, and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love, and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust is a part of His mystical body, according as we shall be directed by His Spirit, in His word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord, beleving that He will further and more gloriously open to us His word and the mysteries of His kingdom, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the one only true and living God, who rules all things after His own will: and that he who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness: eternal, immortal, invisable and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the characters Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and that these three are one: and that there are three that bear wittness in earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three agree in on .

2. We believe that the Holy Scripturers of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness; that they contain all things necessary to be konwn for the salvation of men and women.

3. We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on His name; that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

4 We believe that all whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son: that God elected according to His foreknowledge through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an in

heritance incorruptible, and undefild, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all true saints; that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, consecrated, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

9. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

12. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The Modtrator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator.

4 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without leave obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times to one subject without liberty obtained from the association.

8. No member of the association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in the time of a pubic speech.

9. No member of the association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prevent him from speaking till he gives his light on the suject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the association thinks proper.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think proper.

P. S. Please read the foregoing Constitution, Covenant, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, and preserve them for future reference.—Clerk.

OBITUARIES.

Deacon C. W. York was born July 29, 1837, and was married to Loueasy Phillips in 1858. To this union were born 5 children, 2 of whom died in infancy, preceding him to the spirit land, while 3 of them, together with his companion, are left to mourn the loss of a good husband and a kind and affectionate father.

He was rared in Surry county, N. C., and joined the church at Rock Spring the third Sunday in May, 1874, and was baptized the third Sunday in June.

He was ordained to the office of deacon on Saturday before the third Sunday in March, 1875, and served the Rock Spring church faithfully till dismissed by letter. On the third Sunday in May, 1879, he and wife joined the church at Franklin by letter. He was received as deacon and served that church faithfully till dismissed by letter, on Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1913, to join the church at Laurel Springs, where he served in the office of deacon

faithfully to the end, which came May 22, 1919, making his stay on earth 82 years, 9 months and 23 days. He, whose life was hard to excel, is gone.

He was a hard-working man, who provided well for his family and had plenty around him. His home was a home for the brethren and sisters at all times. He often talked of how thankful he was to God for thus blessing him. We know he cannot come back to us; but we, as Sister York said, must soon go the way he has gone. May God give us that assurance of faith that we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death and meet our God in peace as we believe he did.

Your unworthy brother,

J. T. Riggan.

Deacon S. A. Taylor was born in Surry county, N. C., January 4, 1855: and died January 16, 1918, making his stay on earth 63 years and 12 days.

He was married to Mahala Key October 5, 1876; and to which union were born eight children, five girls and three boys. One girl preceded him to the grave, dying in infancy.

Brother Taylor joined the Primitive Baptist church at Pilot Mountain November 22, 1903, and was baptized November 23, 1903. He was ordained to the office of deacon December 26, 1904, and elected to the office of Church Clerk about the same time. He made a good deacon and a good clerk till death.

He by honest industry made a comfortable living, and

was bold in the faith and much devoted to the church.

Brother Taylor was a good citizen and was always found ready to lend a helping hand to the sick.

While Brother Taylor is much missed by the church, by Sister Taylor and the children, we hope to meet Brother Taylor where no farewell tears are shed.

By order of the association.

WILLIAM SIMMONS.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Churches	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Albion,	E. D. Slate,	R. 1, Francisco, North C.,	45
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Conners Grove,	T. J. Gates,	R. 2, Box 13, Mt. Airy, N. C.,	25
Deep Creek,	J. D. Spencer,	Siloam, North Carolina,	35
Fishers River,	Wilson Creed,	White Plains, North Carolina,	25
Fishers Gap,	Mahlon Low,	Low Gap, North Carolina,	45
Franklin,	Elder R. H. Riggan	Dobson, North Carolina,	50
Hogans Creek,	S. D. Key,	Rockford, North Carolina,	40
Laurel Springs,	Z. E. Chandler,	R. 3, Mt. Airy, North Carolina,	25
Liberty,	R. S. Poindexter,	Crutchfield, North Carolina,	30
Little Vine,	Jacob Mitchell,	Dobson, North Carolina,	40
Mulberry,	J. M. Eldridge,	R. 1, State Road, North C.,	30
Pilot Mountain,	J. H. Sheets,	Pilot Mountain, North C.,	60
Rock House,	W. P. Smith,	R. 2, Pinnacle, North C.,	55
State Road,	W. F. Nixon,	State Road, North Carolina,	25
Stoney Creek,	Elder J. S. Morrison	R. 3, Mt Airy, North C.,	35
Stuarts Creek,	R. W. Mosley,	R. 1, Mt. Airy, North Carolina.	65
Toms Creek,	S. L. Arrington,	R. 2, Mt. Airy, North Carolina,	85
Union,	G. J. Key,	Ararat, North Carolina,	80
Volunteer,	P. W. Lawrence,	R. 1, Pinnacle, North Carolina,	30
Total			875

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES AMONG THE ASSOCIATIONS

Churches	Clerks	Postoffices	No. of Min.
Abbotts Creek,	A. L. Owen,	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.,	15
Contentnea,	J. P. Tingle,	Grantsboro, N. C.,	22
Ebenezer,	W. L. Carpenter,	Brightwood, Virginia,	14
Kehukee,	Elder B. S. Cowing,	R. 2, Williamston, N. C.,	40
Ketocton,	Elder T. S. Dalton,	2425 Keyworth Ave., Balt., Md.	15
Little River,	Elder J. A. T. Jones,	McCullers, N. C.,	22
L. Country Line,	J. H. Gooch,	Stem, N. C.,	15
Mayo,	S. G. Dobyns,	Claudville, Virginia,	25
Mountain,	J. M. Rector,	Baywood, Virginia,	17
New River,	Elder F. P. Branscome,	Laurel Fork, Virgina,	24
Pig River,	Eld. E. L. Blankenship,	Boone Mill, Virginia,	24
Roaring River,	J. A. Brooks,	Sparta, N. C.,	11
Staunton River,	R. L. Dodson,	Ringgold, Virginia,	17
U. Counry Line,	S. J. Hall,	Cedar Grove, North Carolina,	15
Senter,	J. F. Hartzog,	Boone, North Carolina,	13
Smiths River,	Elder J. D. Cockram,	Stuart, Virginia,	20
Salem,	W. L. Teague,	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	10
Zion,	Elder R. T. Monday,	R. R. Mt. Airy, North Carolina	10
Total number			330

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Sunday Meet	Ordain'd Min	Licensed Min	Rec'd by Ex	Rec'd by Let	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in fellow	Contributions
Albion, ...	E. D. Slate, J. M. Hooker and J. H. Flippin,.....	4	1					1		0	35	4.00
Ararat.....	J. M. Jones, L. D. Denny and W. E. Nixon,.....	2	4		2			2		0	45	2 00
Conners Grove,	Elder J. W. Beasley, E. L. Jones and Daniel Jefferson, ...	2	1		1	1				1	29	1.75
Deep Creek,....	R. L. Hall, J. R. Hall and J. H. Spencer, ...	1						1		1	38	1.50
Fishers River,..	Wilson Creed, Johnie Nichols and Green Clifton	1								0	14	1 20
Fishers Gap....	Samuel Lowe, Mahlon Lowe and Baley Goodson, ...	2					3			4	49	2.20
Franklin,.....	J. T. Riggan, J. B. Thompson and Monroe Gains, ...									0	00	2 65
Hogans Creek...	S. D. Key, Milton Hutchens, Joe Key and J. M. Wall, ...	3								1	41	1 50
Laurel Springs	T. C. Hall, W. G. Dunbar and Z. E. Chandler, ...	2						1		0	22	2.00
Liberty, ...	Richard Poindexter, W. D. Holderfield and FrankCoe,.....	1								2	28	1.75
Little Vine....	Jacob Mitchell, Martin Payne and W. C. Brooks,..... ...	4								0	55	2.15
Mulberry, ...	J. M. Eldridge, A. B. Key and J. S. Key.....									0	26	1.50
Pilot Mountain,.	Elder G. O. Key, William M. Simmons and S. J. Fry, ...	1	1							1	49	6 50
Rock House,...	R. F. Cox, Elder D. Collins and J. P. Slaughter, ...	2	2		4					1	67	2.50
State Road, ..	Tyra Snow, W. F. Nixon and Elder J. M. Royal, ...	3	1		6			2		0	31	1.15
Stoney Creek..	E. F. Simmons, J. H. Barns and J. F Joyce,.....	3	1		3	3				0	33	6 00
Stuarts Creek,	T. A. Jones, S. J. Booker and P. W. Watson, ...	3	1							0	66	4 00
Toms Creek,...	Louis Priddy, J. F. Moran and S. L. Arrington,.....	2	1		4					1	104	5 25
Union, ...	G. J. Key, J. W. Jones and J. W. Creed, ...	4	2	2						0	73	5 00
Volunteer, ...	T. R. Sams, A. D. Owens and Elder H. D. Mickey, ...	4	1						5	2	28	1.85
	Totals		16	2	20	4	3	7	5	14	933	856 47

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MINUTES OF THE
FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THE NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION
Held With the Church at
FISHER'S RIVER
Surry County, North Carolina
Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday
AUGUST 11, 12, 13, 1922

ELD. W. H. ATKINSON, Moderator
R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.

ELD. F. P. STONE, Clerk
R. 1, Francisco, N. C.

1. Services were introduced by Elder D. Collins, then the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Crouse. Text, 2nd Tim. 4:1-2. "I charge thee before God, etc."

2. After intermission the messengers assembled in the house. After prayer by Elder F. F. Eggleton of Pig River, the letters were received from all the churches except Deep Creek, Tom's Creek and Hogan's Creek. Those received were read and messengers seated. (Saturday the other letters came in and were received and messengers seated.)

3. Appointed Elder F. F. Eggleton of Pig River and Brother J. H. Smith to go to the stand and preach.

4. It was agreed that our moderator and clerk be elected by private ballot and Elder W. H. Atkinson was elected Moderator and Elder F. P. Stone Clerk and the elections were confirmed by acclamation.

5. Called for correspondents and visitors and the following brethren were present:

From Zion, Elders J. P. Gardner, Wesley Brindle and Bro. H. F. Branscome, correspondents; Elder J. F. Fulk and Brethren H. P. Stoneman and R. S. Creed.

From Mayo, Elders W. R. Beasley and H. F. Hutchens, and Brethren Jesse Beasley, J. E. Hutchens, C. T. Flippin, Jim Jefferson, Tom Collins and R. L. Anderson, visitors.

Salem, Elders J. G. Southern, Ellis Tate, J. A. Thomas, Charlie Shields and C. A. Sprinkle, correspondents.

Roaring River, Elders J. M. Crouse, S. A. Lyons and J. W. Lyon, correspondents.

Upper Country Line, Elders W. F. Pruitt and J. R. Jones, correspondents.

Black Creek, Elders J. C. Hooks and S. B. Denny, visitors.

Smiths River, D. F. Quisenbury, visitor.

Pig River, F. F. Eggleton, visitor.

Mountain, Elder J. M. Crouse, correspondent, and T. A. Fender visitor, and a file of minutes from Mayo, Salem, Abbotts Creek, Lower Country Line, Silver Creek, Roaring River, Senter, Kehukee, Zion, Ebenezer, Little River, Pig River, Upper Country Line.

6. Called for Petitionary Letters; none received.

7. Appointed the messengers of this church and the Association Moderator and Clerk a Committee on Preaching, and they appointed: For Saturday 1st, Elder Wesley Brindle; 2nd, Elder W. R. Beasley; 3rd, Elder J. P. Gardner; 4th Elder W. F. Pruitt.

1st. Elder D. Collins; 2nd, H. F. Hutchens; 3rd S. B. Denny; 4th J. C. Hooks. After appointment it was agreed to and Bro. Robert T. Anderson, the little invalid, preached on Saturday and Elder O. J. Denny was added to the list for Sunday.

8. Elder G. O. Key, B. P. Smith and John Nichols were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk as a Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed G. J. Key and J. S. Morrison a committee on finance.

10. J. H. Sheats and Y. W. Simmons were appointed a committee to distribute corresponding minutes.

11. By request of Elder George Denny the Obituary of Eld. A. M. Denny and the Circular Letter were read. Each were approved and ordered attached to our minutes.

12. Then adjourned until Saturday 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 1922

1. The deliberations were opened by prayer by Elder R. H. Riggins.

2. Called the roll and marked out names of absentees.

3. Letters from Hogan's Creek, Deep Creek and Tom's Creek were received, read and messengers seated.

4. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was received and the committee discharged.

5. The obituary of Deacon John W. Jones was read and received and ordered attached to our minutes.

6. The request of New River Association for a committee to help settle a difficulty between them and Zion was discussed by us and the brethren from Zion and it was agreed that we keep hands off for the time being.

7. We received a file of minutes and a request that we open up correspondence with Silver Creek Association and it was unanimously agreed that we do so and Elders J. M. Royal and W. H. Atkinson accented the appointment as correspondent.

8. The church at Mulberry reported the ordination of Bro. A. B. Key as Elder.

9. Union church also reported the ordination of Bro. C. W. Stone as Elder, each were ordained in the usual way by prayer and the laying on of hands.

10. Called for the report of correspondents and the reports of those who attended were received and those who did not were excused.

11. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To Mayo Elders F. P. Stone, G. O. Key, J. W. Beasley, J. S.

Morrison, G. W. Harris and Bro. H. M. Southern.

To Salem, Elders G. O. Key, George Denny and C. W. Stone.

To the Mountain, Elders G. O. Key, A. B. Key and W. C. Brooks.

To Abbotts Creek Elder J. S. Morrison.

To Zion, Elders G. O. Key, W. H. Atkinson, W. C. Brooks and C. W. Stone.

To Silver Creek, Elders W. H. Atkinson and J. M. Royal.

To Roaring River, Elders J. M. Royal and A. B. Key.

To Senter Elder G. O. Key.

12. Elder F. P. Branscome (now deceased) through a mistake stated that he failed to charge a sufficient sum last year for expense and labor in printing of our minutes, so it was unanimously agreed that we give his widow, Sister Branscome $5.00 and order the clerk to send her same out of the Association funds.

13. Agreed that we hold our next session of this Association with the Deep Creek church in Yadkin county, N. C., three miles south of Siloam to commence on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1923, and continue three days.

14. It was ordered that the Clerk have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

15. Agreed that we give our Clerk the usual fee of $15.00 and expenses for his services.

16. It was carried unanimously that we give our Moderator $10.00 for his faithful service.

17. The committee on finance reported received from the Churches ---------- $58.97
Balance in Clerk's hands above expenses ---------- 21.00
Gave to the Moderator ----------$10.00
Gave to Sister F. P. Branscome ---------- 5.00
Gave to our Clerk ---------- 15.00
Paid for printing and postage----------

$79.97

18. Offered a resolution of thanks to God for his abundant mercy and spirit of peace made manifest during this session, and to the Committee for their hospitality during the same.

19. Then adjourned until time and place appointed.

Eld. F. P. STONE, Clerk Eld. W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.

SERVICES

Friday Afternoon—1st. F. F. Eggleton; 2nd J. H. Smith. Clerk failed to get text.

Saturday—1st Wesley Brindle, subject 1st John 1:1.; 2nd

W. R. Beasley, subject, Ephesians 2:8; 3rd J. P. Gardner, subject Gal. 3:8; 4th W. F. Pruitt, subject Ephesians 5th chap.; 5th Robert T. Anderson (invited) no special subject.

Sunday—1st. S. B. Denny, subject Hebrews 12:1; 2nd J. C. Hooks, subject Hebrews 1:1-2; 3rd D. Collins, Matthew 11:4-5; 4th H. F. Hutchens, Genesis 24:5-8; 5th O. J. Denny, no special subject.

The preaching was harmonious and showed that God was with us for he is love and may it be our happy lot to see this love, union and fellowship continue in our midst so to our corresponding brethren will say: Brethren come again. Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to write a circular letter to be attached to the minutes of our next Association, I will refer to Heb. 10:25, Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

Dear Brethren: Church attendance seems to be falling off most everywhere and more especially our Saturday meetings. Now let us consider for a moment how disappointing it is for the pastor not to attend. In our feeble judgment we believe when Paul admonished the Hebrews not to forsake the assembling of themselves togethr, that he had under consideration the church of Christ, and would include each son and daughter. We may feel our unworthiness even so keen but that doesn't excuse us. Each church meeting should be considered a special occasion, and I can't think of a more beautiful tribute of honor to those whom we love than to have our lamps trimmed and burning, proving our faith by our works. The writer has had some very sad experience along this line when we have failed to meet the church assembled, but how soul cheering it is to find the brethren and sisters and to hear them singing some good old hymn to the praise of our God. So brethren I feel to encourage church attendance among our people everywhere, and I also feel that we should encourage our children to go with us. While we don't claim that we can teach carnality spiritual things, but we feel that there is no safer place for the youth and tenderling of our country on church days than along with the fathers and mothers where the gospel is preached and God is worshipped, where the church, the light of the world, a city set on a hill that can't be hid is assembling together.

ELDER GEO. DENNY.

OBITUARY OF ELDER A. M. DENNY

With a deep sense of inability and unworthiness I attempt to comply with the request of the Association, and try to write an obituary of as pure and clean an Elder as ever belonged to our Association. Elder A. M. Denny was born in Surry County, N. C., April 19, 1847; died Decem-

ber 4, 1920, making his life 73 years, 7 months and 15 days. He by faithful study and industry obtained a common school education, was a bright and cheerful boy of extra good morals. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist church in his early manhood, and soon began preaching with more than ordinary ability, was soon ordained to the full functions of the gospel ministry, to which calling he was faithful to the end, serving more than fifty years; he was three times married, first to Miss Louise Ashburn, to them were born one daughter, second to Eloise Spencer and to them were born two children, a son and daughter, third to Miss Eliza Williard, who is still living. These were all good and faithful, living in peace and happiness. His children preceded him to the grave. He left six grandchildren besides a good and faithful wife and a broad circle of brethren and sisters to mourn their loss. He was kind to all, meek and humble, but an able man of God and preacher of the gospel, was held in high esteem by all who knew him, especially Baptists. He served the Association as clerk for a number of years and was then elected Moderator, serving nine years with ability. We feel that we have lost a good and loving minister and friend, but let us try to be resigned to the Lord's will. We feel to express our most profound sympathy for his bereaved widow and orphan grandchildren, and all who are realizing the loss of so good a man, yet his name and influence still lives, and will be long remembered.

Written by your humble servant in hope of eternal life.

GEO. DENNY.

OBITUARY

Deacon John W. Jones was born November 12, 1851; died February 18, 1921, his pilgrimage on earth being sixty nine years, three months and six days. He was married to Miss Nannie J. Denny, August 18, 1874, and to this union was born ten children, three of which died in infancy. The date he joined the church is not known to the writer, but find that he and his wife were members in 1888 at which time the church at Union was constituted, they being Charter members. He was ordained deacon on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in February, 1893, and served the church in that capacity the remander of his life. God in His wisdom saw fit to take from him his loving wife many years ago, leaving him with small children, thus deprived of the sweet companionship, and with the double duty thrown upon him he never faltered. He succeeded in raising his children in honor, never losing sight of his church or church dutles. His life was orderly and above reproach. We feel that in his going his children lost a good father, the church a good member and officer, the county a good citizen. He fought a good fight and his reward was laid up for him in heaven. Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

Written by G. J. Key, by order of the Association.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches	Clerks	Post Office	No. Min.
Albion	Eld. Slate	R. 1 Brim, N. C.	40
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny	R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.	40
Conner's Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Box 13, Mt. Airy, N. C.	40
Deep Creek	I. R. Hall	Siloam, N. C.	25
Fisher's River	Wilson Creed	White Plains, N. C.	25
Fisher's Gap	Mahlon Low	Low Gap, N .C.	35
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Round Peak, N. C.	40
Hogan's Creek	S. D. Key	Siloam, N. C.	40
Laurel Springs	H. M. Southern	R 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	25
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	Crutchfield, N. C.	25
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell	Dobson, N. C.	45
Mulberry	I. M. Eldridge	R. 1, State Road, N. C.	40
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheats	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	55
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.	50
State Road	W. F. Nixon	State Road, N. C.	25
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.	40
Stuart's Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.	55
Tom's Creek	S. L. Arrington	R. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.	70
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	80
Volunteer	Mrs. Bettie Gordon	R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.	20
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Association	Clerks	P. O. Address	No. Min.
Abbott's Creek	A. L. Owen	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	16
Contentnea	I. P. Tingle	Grantsboro, N. C.	20
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	20
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	37
Little River	R. F. Smith	Benson, N. C.	22
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	20
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	Claudville, Va.	30
New River	Eld. P. G. Lester	Floyd C. H., Va.	20
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship	Boons Mill, Va.	25
Roaring River	J. D. Hall	Halls' Mills, N. C.	11
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C.	10
Staunton River	R. L. Dodson	Riggold, Va.	20
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	13
Smith's River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.	20
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.	18
Zion	H. F. Branscome	Fancy Gap, Va.	11
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CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Sunday Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Albion	Eld. Slate, B. P. Smith and J. M. Hooker	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3.75
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny, L. D. Denny and J. M. Ashburn	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	41	2:00
Conner's Grove	Elders J. W. Beasley, G. W. Harris and T. J. Gates	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		1.50
Deep Creek	J. B. Hinshaw, J. R. Hall, B. L. Hall	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4		1.50
Fisher's River	Wilson Creed, J. M. Nichols and G. W. Wilson	3	0	0	0	2	2	5	0	2	13	1.50
Fisher's Gap	Sammie Low, Mahlon Low and A. R. Simmons	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	45	2.10
Franklin	Eld. R. H. Riggins and Brothers E. M. Gains, H. H. Brindle	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	2.75
Hogan's Creek	S. D. Key, Joe Key, and J. W. Wall	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	46	1.50
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall, H. M. Southern and A. J. Key	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	1.50
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, J. F. Cole, W. D. Holderfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	1.00
Little Vine	Martin Payne, W. C. Brooks and Jacob Mitchel	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	53	2.15
Mulberry	A. B. Key, J. M. Eldridge, R. Draughn	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1.35
Pilot Mountain	Eld. G. O. Key, S. J. Foy, L. G. Tucker	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	5.00
Rock House	J. P. Slaughter, R. F. Cox, Y. L. Cole, T. R. Low	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	66	3.00
State Road	Eld. J. Mfl Royal, W. F. Nixon, and Ira Snow	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	30	1.85
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. L. Tilley, J. H. Barnes	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	37	5.37
Stuart's Creek	T. A. Jones, J. E. Jones, R. W. Mosley	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	63	5.25
Tom's Creek	J. W. Simmons, Sandy Inman, S. L. Arrington	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	5.00
Union	G. J. Key, H. R. Key, C. W. Stone	4	3	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	86	10.00
Volunteer	Frank Chandler, A. D. Owens	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	1.00

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

ELDERS

Gabriel Denny ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
Henderson Cain ---------- R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
G. O. Key ---------- Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson ---------- R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey ---------- R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal ---------- Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ---------- Spray, N. C.
F. P. Stone ---------- R .1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denny ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed ---------- R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins ---------- R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggins ---------- Round Peak. N. C.
J. W. Beasley ---------- R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Jessie Dunbar ---------- Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison ---------- R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harris ---------- Mt. Airy, N. C.
W. C. Brooks ---------- Dobson, N. C.
C. W. Stone ---------- Rockford, N. C.
A. B. Key ---------- Rusk, N. C.

LICENTIATES

W. J. Key ---------- Ararat, N. C.
J. Key ---------- Winston-Salem, N. C.
Charlie Adams ---------- R. 2, Pilot Mtn., N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by Eld. J. A. Fagg, moderator of Mayor Association; then the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. C. F. Denny, from Black Creek Association, text Isaiah 61 CIV, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, etc" Then adjourned for refreshments.

2. After intermission the messengers assembled in the house and after prayer by Elder S. H. Reid from Mayo Association, the letters were received from all the churches, read, received and messengers seated.

3. Appointed Elders W. C. Brooks and W. R. Beasley to go to the stand and preach this afternoon.

4. Then elected Elders W. H. Atkinson, moderator and F. P. Stone, clerk by acclamation.

5. Then called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations and the following were present:

Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, S. H. Reid correspondents; Elder W. R. Beasley, visitor.

Mountain—Elder S. P. Roberts, J. M. Rector, A. J. Galyon, correspondents.

Roaring River—J. W. Lyons, correspondent.

Salem—Brethren J. A. Thomas, Ellis Tate, Frank Southern, Charlie Shields, Cling Tate and Henry Willard.

Zion—Elders J. F. Fulk, J. R. Crews and Brethren H. F. Branscome and Robert Hall.

Pig River—F. F. Eggleston, visitor.

Black Creek—Elder C. F. Denny, correspondent.

And a file of minutes from Zion, Silver Creek, Pig River, Little River, Upper Country Line, Lower Country Line, Center, Mountain, Ebenezer, Ketocton, Mayo, Roaring River, Salem, Mill Branch, Bear Creek, Abbott's Creek, Kehukee, White Oak, Contentnea and Black Creek.

6. Called for petitionary letter and the church at Hollingsworth Grove presented their letter. It was read and the church received and messenger seated.

7. Appointed the moderator and clerk with the messengers, deacons and moderator of this church a committee on preaching and they appointed Elders F. F. Eggleston, J. R. Crews, J. F. Fulk and S. P. Roberts for Saturday and Elders S. H. Reid, J. A. Fagg, C. F. Denny and G. O. Key for Sunday.

8. Elder D. Collins, J. M. Eldridge and Ed Slate

were appointed to serve with the moderator and clerk as a committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren G. J. Key and S. L. Arrington a committee on finance.

10. Appointed Brethren H. R. Key and J. L. Lowe a committee on distributing corresponding minutes.

11. Then adjourned till Saturday 9 a. m.

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9 a. m. Saturday, August 11, 1923.

1. The deliberations were opened by prayer by Elder C. F. Denny.

2. Called the roll of messengers and marked out the names of absentees.

3. The report of the committee on arrangements was received and the committee discharged.

4. Called for the report of correspondents and the report of those who attended were received and those who did not were excused.

5. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To Mayo—Elders F. P. Stone, A. B. Key and G. O. Key.

To Salem—Elder G. O. Key, J. D. Key and R. L. Hall.

To the Mountain—Elders A. B. Key and W. H. Atkinson.

To Abbott's Creek—Elders A. B. Key, G. O. Key and J. D. Key.

To Zion—Elders J. W. Beasley, W. H. Atkinson, W. C. Brooks and C. W. Stone.

To Roaring River—Elders W. C. Brooks, A. B. Key, and Brother J. H. Hall.

To Smith's River—Elder F. P. Stone.

6. Appointed the clerk to write the next circular letter.

7. Agreed that the next session of this association be held with the church at Tom's Creek, eight miles north of Pilot Mountain, N. C., near Westfield, to convene at the usual time, Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1924.

8. Agreed that we have the usual number of 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

9. Agreed that we give our clerk the usual amount of $15 with all necessary expenses for his services.

10. It was moved, seconded and carried that we give our moderator $10.00 and his wife, sister Atkerson, $5.00.

11. Then received the report of the finance committee:

Received from the churches	$58.65
Balance in Clerk's hands	$14.97
Total	$73.62
Gave to our Moderator	$10.00
Gave to his wife	5.00
Gave to the Clerk	15.00
Paid for printing Minutes and postage	25.00
Total	$55.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$18.62

12. Offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality in caring for this association.

13. Then adjourned till time and place appointed.

This done by the order of the association.

W. H. ATKINSON, Moderator
F. P. STONE, Clerk.

May the Lord grant us the privilege of meeting in many more associations like this where all is peace and harmony, the preaching harmonious, upbuilding, edifying and glorifying.

Clerk.

Friday, 1st, W. C. Brooks; 2, W. R. Beasley failed to get text.

Saturday—F. F. Eggleston, text St. John, 10 chap. verse 2; J. R. Crews, no special subject; 3, J. F. Fulk text St. John, 3rd chap. 6th verse; S. P. Roberts, text St. Luke, 2nd chapter, 11 verse.

Sunday—1, S. H. Reid, text Galatians, 3rd chapter, 2nd verse; 2, J. A. Fagg, text St. Luke, 2nd chapter, 10th verse; 3, C. F. Denny, Isaiah, 9th chapter, 4th verse; 4, G. O. Key, etxt, Isaiah, 32nd chapter, 12th verse.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Allison—E. D. Slate, route 1, Erim, N. C., 40.
Ararat—Eld. Geo. Denny, route 3, Pinnacle, N. C., 35.
Comers Grove—T. J. Gates, route 2, box 13 Mt. Airy, N. C., 30.
Deep Creek—J. R. Hall, Siloam, N. C., 25.
Fisher's River—Wilson Creed, route 1, White Plains, N. C., 25.
Fisher's Gap—A. R. Simmons, Low Gap, N. C., 35.
Franklin—E. M. Goings, Round Peak, N. C., 50.
Hogan's Creek—S. D. Key, Siloam, N. C., 30.
Laurel Springs—H. M. Southern, R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C., 25.
Hollingsworth Grove—S. L. Arrington R3, Mt. Airy, N. C., 25.
Liberty—R. S. Poindexter, Crutchfield, N. C., 20.
Little Vine—Jacob Mitchell, Dobson, N. C., 35.
Mulberry—J. M. Eldridge R. 1, State Road, N. C., 30.0
Pilot Mountain—J. H. Sheats, R. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C., 75.
Rock House—R F. Cox, R. 1, Westfield, N. C., 45.
State Road—W. F. Nixon, State Road, N. C., 35.
Stoney Creek—E. T. Simmons R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C., 50.
Stuart's Creek—R. W. Mosley R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C., 50.
Tom's Creek—J. F. Nunn R. 1, Westfield, N. C., 75.
Union—G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C., 75.
Volunteer—Mrs. Bellie Gordon R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C., 20.
Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, R. 3, Salisbury, N. C., 16.
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C., 24.
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., 23.
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C., 20.
Ebenezer—W. L. Carpenter, Brightwood, N. C., 20.
Kehukee—B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C., 25.
Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C., 20.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 16.
Mountain—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va., 17.
Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Claudville, Va., 30.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va., 20.
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boon Mill, Va., 25.
Roaring River—J. D. Hall, Hall's Mill, N. C., 10.
Silver Creek—T. H. Bentley, Stanley, N. C., 10.
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va., 20.
Senter—J. F. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C., 14.
Smith's River—Eld. J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va., 20.
Upper Country Line—Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C., 18
Zion—H. F. Branscome, Fancy Gap. 11
TOTAL—369

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

ELDERS

Gabriel Denny ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
G. O. Key ---------- Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson ---------- R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey ---------- R. 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal ---------- Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ---------- Spray, N. C.
F. P. Stone ---------- R. 1, Francisco, N. C.
George Denny ---------- R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed ---------- R. 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins ---------- R. 1, Pinnacle, N. C.

R. H. Riggins ----------Round Peak, N. C.
J. W. Beasley ----------R. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Jessie Dunbar ----------Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison ----------R. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harriss ----------Mt. Airy, N. C.
W. C. Brooks ----------Dobson, N. C.
C. W. Stone ----------Rockfort, N. C.
A. B. Key ----------Rusk, N. C.

LICENTIATES

W. J. Key ----------Ararat, N. C.
J. Key ----------Winston-Salem, N. C.
Charlie Adams ----------R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

Churches Pastors and P. O. Addresses Days of Worship

Albion—Eld. F. P. Stone, R. 1., Francisco, N. C., 4th Sunday.
Ararat—Eld. Geo. Denny, R. 3., Pinnacle, N. C., 2nd Sunday.
Conner's Grave—Elds. J. W. Beasley, G. W. Harriss, Mt. Airy, N. C., 2nd Sunday.
Deep Creek—Eld. Geo. Denny, 1st Sunday.
Fisher's River—Eld. W. C. Brooks, Dobson, N. C., 3rd Sunday.
Fisher's Gap—Elders W. C. Brooks and J. F. Fulk, Dobson, N. C., 2nd Sunday.
Franklin—Eld. W. H. Atkinson, Round Peak, N. C., 3rd Sunday.
Hogan's Creek—Eld. J. W. Creed, R. 1, Ararat, N. C., 3rd Sunday
Laurel Springs—Jessie Dunbar, J. W. Creed, R. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C., 3rd Sunday.
Liberty—Eld. C. W. Stone, Rockford, N. C., 1st Sunday.
Hollingsworth Grove—Elder F. P. Stone, R. F. Anderson, Claudville, Va., 1st Sunday.
Little Vine—Elders J. M. Royal, W. C. Brooks, Thurman, N. C., 1st Sunday.
Mulberry—Elders J. W. Creed, Jessie Dunbar, 1st Sunday.
Pilot Mtn.—Elder G. O. Key, Pilot Mountain, N. C., 1st Sunday.
Rock House—Eld. D. Collins, R. 1., Pinnacle, N. C., 2nd Sunday
State Road—Elders J. M. Royal and W. C. Brooks, 3rd Sunday.
Stoney Creek—Eld. F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C., 3rd Sunday.
Stuart's Creek—Eld. G. O. Key, Pilot Mtn., N. C., 3rd Sunday.
Tom's Creek—Elders G. O. Key, J. S. Morrison, Mt. Airy, N. C., 2nd Sunday.
Union—Elders J. C. Dunbar, J. W. Creed, C. W. Stone 4th Sunday.
Volunteer—Elder H. D. Mickey, R. 2., Pinnacle, N. C.

Churches	Name of Messengers	Sunday Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. By Letter	Restored	Dis. By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. In Fellowship	Contribution
Albion	Eld. F. P. Stone and Ed Slate	4						5			30	2.45
Ararat	J. D. Key, J. M. Jones and Eld Geo. Denny	2	2	1			1	1		3	38	2.00
Conner's Grove	Eld. J. W. Beasley, J. T. Payne, Jessie Beasley	2	2	1	1					1	39	1.50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, R. L. Hall and J. B. Hinshaw	1							3			1.50
Fisher's River	Wilson Creed, Geo. Wilson, Green Clifton	3			2			3			12	1.30
Fisher's Gap	R. S. Goodson, A. R. Simmons, B. Law	2					1	2		2	42	3.00
Franklin	J. C. Branch, E. M. Goings	3			9						52	5.00
Hogan's Creek	Joe Key, S. D. Key, J. W. Wall	3						1			39	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington, J. S. Love and P. Pike	1									12	1.50
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	3			1						25	.50
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, Hubert Ashburn	1									23	1.00
Little Vine	Eld. W. C. Brooks, Jack Mitchell, Martain Payne	1	1		3						56	2.10
Mulberry	Eld. A. B. Key, J. M. Eldridge and J. H. Hall	1	1	1							33	1.65
Pilot Mtn.	Eld. G. O. Key, L. G. Tucker and J. H. Sheats	1	1			1				1	48	6.00
Rack House	Eld. D. Collins, J. P. Slaughter and R. F. Cox	2	2		1					3	65	2.50
State Road	Henry Wall, W. F. Nixon	3			8					2	39	2.00
Stoney Creek	J. M. Hunter, J. L. Tilley and J. F. Joyce	3								1	37	5.50
Stuart's Creek	T. A. Jones, R. M. Stoneman	3			5	1			1	1	70	5.00
Tom's Creek	Louis Priddy, A. L. Hunter	2		1	4			7		4	93	6.25
Union	H. R. Key, K. J. Key and Eld. J. C. Dunbar	4	3	1	2	2			1	2	87	5.00
Volunteer		3	1								26	.40

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PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by Elder J. M. Royal. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Fagg, Moderator of Mayo Association. Text John 3 ch., 3v. Then had one hour recess.

2. After intermission the messengers assembled in the house and after prayer by Elder Geo. Denny, the letters from all the churches were received except Deep Creek and Mulberry. (Mulberry's letter came in later) the letter was read, received and messengers seated.

3. Thn appointed Elders R. T. Monday, of Roaring River and John Easter of Zion to preach at the stand this afternoon.

4. Then elected Elder W. H. Atkinson Moderator and Elder F. P. Stone, Clerk.

5. Then called for petitionary letters and the church at Boyle's Chapel presented her letter asking for membership. The letter was read, received, and messengers seated after the Moderator extended to them the right hand of fellowship.

6. Then called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations and the following were present:

Mayo—Elder H. F. Hutchens and Brethren J. E. Hutchens and J. D. Young, correspondents; Elders J. A. Fagg, T. W. Tilley and A. A. Jefferson, visitors.

Mountain—C. L. Roberts, correspondent; J. M. Rector and L. W. Caudell, visitors.

Roaring River—Elder R. T. Monday and J. W. Lyons correspondents.

Salem—Ellis Tate, visitor.

Zion—Elder G. P. Allen, correspondent and Brethren H. F. Branscome, H. P. Stoneman, A. T. Lorgin and M. W. Nooncastor, Elder John Easter, visitors.

Smith River—Elder L. I. Gilbert, correspondent.

Main Corresponding Meeting, Elder F. W. Keene.

Upper Country Line—J. R. Jones, correspondent.

Lower Country Line—J. E. Monsees, correspondent.

New River—Floyd Beamer, B. H. White and Elder

C. A. Martin and a file of minutes from Little River, Senter, Mayo, Ketocton, Contentnea, Zion, Ebenezer, Black Creek, Upper Country Line, White Oak, Kehukee, Bear Creek, Pig River, Lower Country Line, Abbott's Creek, Mill Branch, Salem.

7. Appointed the Moderator with the messengers of this church as a committee on preaching and they appointed Elder G. P. Allen, F. W. Keen, Jas. Creed, and J. A. Fagg to preach at the stand Saturday and L. I. Gilbert and Geo. Denny to preach in the house in the afternoon.

For Sunday Elders J. M. Royal, H. F. Hutchens, F. P. Stone, O. J. Denny and S. A. Thompson at the stand and Elders C. A. Martin, J. C. Dunbar and W. H. Atkinson in the house.

8. Then appointed Elder J. M. Royal, Martin Payne and A. S. Hunter with the Moderator and Clerk, a committee on arrangement.

9. Appointed Brother A. B. Key and J. L. Love, a committee on finance.

10. Appointed Brethren J. W. Gilespie and S. L. Arrington a committee on distributing of corresponding minutes.

11. The church at Fishers Gap reported the ordination of Brother Malcolm Law to the office of Deacon.

12. Franklin church reported the ordination of Bro. J. W. Gilespie to the office of Deacon on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in June.

13. Then adjourned till 9 A. M. Saturday.

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9 A. M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1924

1. The deliberations were opened by prayer by Elder D. Collins.
2. Called the roll of messengers and marked out names of absentees.
3. The report of the committee on arrangements was received and the committee discharged.
4. Called for the report of correspondents and the report of those who attended was received and those who did not were excused.
5. Appointed correspondents as follows:

Mayo—Elder J. W. Beasley, R. L. Jones and Eld. D. Collins.

Salem—Elder G. O. Key and W. V. Pyrtle

Mountain—Elders J. M. Royal, A. B. Key, D. Collins, and W. H. Atkinson.

Zion—Elders W. C. Brooks, J. C. Dunbar and W. A. Dunbar

Roaring River—Elder J. M. Royal.

6. The circular letter was read, received and ordered attached to our minutes.

7. Appointed the clerk to write the next circular letter.

8. Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Boyle's Chapel seven miles northeast of King, N. C., the nearest railroad station on the state highway near Capella, N. C., to convene at the usual time, Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in August, 1925.

9. The clerk is ordered to have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

10. Agreed that we give our clerk the usual fee of $15.00 with all necessary expense for his services.

11 Called for the report of the finance committee and they reported:

Received from the churches	$59.21	
Balance in Clerk's hands	18.62	
		$77.83
Gave our Moderator		$10.00
Gave our Clerk		$15.00
Paid for stationery		.50
Total		$103.33

12. Then offered a resolution of thanks to the good brethren and sisters of this church and the many friends of this community for their generous hospitality in caring for this association and to the people generally for the good conduct on the grounds.

Read, approved and signed,

W. H. ATKINSON, Moderator.

F. P. STONE, Clerk.

Friday—Introductory by Elder J. A. Fagg, text, John 3c., 3v.
In the afternoon Eld. R. T. Monday, clerk failed to get text.
John Easter, clerk failed to get text.
Saturday—services were introduced by J. W. Creed.
At the stand Elder G. P. Allen, text, Deut. 2c, 2v.
At the stand Elder F. W. Keene, text, Joshua 2c, 21v.
At the stand, Eld. Jas. Creed, text, 2 Tim. 4c, 2v.
At the stand, Eld. J. A. Fagg, text, Jere. 16c. 16v.
In the house, afternoon, L. I. Gilbert, text, Jude 1c.
In the house, afternoon, Elder Geo. Denny.

SUNDAY—
Elder J. M. Royal, text, Eph. 3c., 8v .
Elder H F. Hutchins, text, Isaiah 48c, 10v
Elder O. J. Denny, text, 1 John, 3c, 1v.
Elder F. P. Stone, no special subject.
Elder S. A. Thompson, Mat. 19c, 28v.

IN THE HOUSE—
Elder C. A. Martin, text, Mark, 16c, 16v.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.
Elder G. O. Key, no special text.
Elder W. H. Atkinson, failed to get text (clerk).

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

Churches	Clerks	Post offices	No. Minutes
Albion, Eld. Slate, Brim, N. C., Route 1			20
Ararat, Eld. Geo. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., Route 3			35
Conners Grove, T. J. Gates, Mt. Airy, N. C. Route 2, Box 13			20
Boyle's Chapel, W. A. Palmer, Pinnacle, N. C., Route 1			15
Deep Creek, J. R. Hall, Siloam, N. C.			20
Fisher's River, Wilson Creed, White Plains, N. C., Route 1			25
Fisher's Gap, A. R. Simmons, Lo wGap, N. C.			35
Franklin, E. M. Goings, Round Peak, N. C.			50
Hogan's Creek, S. D. Key, Siloam, N. C.			30
Hollingsworth Grove, S. L. Arrington, Mt. Airy, N. C. R 3			25
Laurel Springs, H. M. Southern, Mt. Airy, N. C., Route 3			25
Liberty, R. S. Poindexter, Crutchfield, N. C.			20
Little Vine, Jacob Mitchell, Dobson, N. C.			35
Mulberry, J. M. Eldridge, State Road, Route 1			30
Pilot Mtn., J. H. Sheats, Pilot Mtn., N. C. Route 1			75
Rock House, R. F. Cox, Westfield, N. C., Route 1			75
State Road, W. F. Nixon, State Road, N. C.			35
Stoney Creek, E. F. Simmons, Mt. Airy, N. C., Route 1			50
Stuart's Creek, R. W. Mosley, Mt. Airy, N. C., Route 3			65
Toms Creek, J. F. Nunn, Wesetfield, N. C. Route 1			75
Union, G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.			80
Volunteer, Mrs. Bettie Gordon, Pinnacle, N. C., Route 1			20
Abbott's Creek, A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., Route 3			16
Bear Creek, J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.			24
Black Creek, Eld. E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.			23
Contentnea, H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.			20
Ebenezer, W. L. Carpenter, Brightwood, N. C.			20
Kehukee, B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.			25
Little River, R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C.			20

Lower Country Line, J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	16
Mountain, J. M. Recton, Baywood, Va.	17
Mayo, S. G. Dobyne, Cloudville, Va.	30
New River, Eld. P. G. Lester, Roanoke, Va.	20
Pig River, Eld. E. L. Blankenship, Boon Mill, Va.	25
Roaring River, J. D. Hall, Halls Mill, N. C.	10
Silver Creek, T. H. Bentley, Stanley, N. C.	10
Staunton River, R. L. Dodson, Ringgold, Va.	20
Senter, J. F. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.	14
Smith's River, Eld. J. D. Cockram, Stuart, Va	20
Upper Country Line, Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	18
Zion, H. F. Branscome, Fancy Gap, Va.	11
Total	1194

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elders

Gabriel Denny, Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
G. O. Key, Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson, Route 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey, Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal, Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle, Spray, N. C.
F. P. Stone, Route 1, Francisco, N. C.
Geo. Denny, Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed, Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins, Route 1, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggans, Round Peak, N. C.
J. W. Beasley, Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison, Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harris, Mt. Airy, N. C.
W. C. Brooks, Dobson, N. C.
C. W. Stone, Rockford, N. C.
A. B. Key, Rusk, N. C.

Licentiates

W. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.
J. Key, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Charley Adams, Route 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Brethren, are we guilty of hunting for motes in our brother's eye and trying to hide the beam in our own? If so is God the author of this or is it the fruits of sin? Satan is well pleased in his efforts to deceive the children of men in matters of religion, and I am sure that he never was more successful in this than at the present day. Satan is not insensible to the fact that men in this age are more in love with what the world calls religion than at any other age of the world. Hence he is determined to suit their taste and to accommodate them in every way possible, even to come in disguise and appear as an angel of light and thus he succeeds in deceiving them that dwell upon the earth by his miracles which he does in the sight of men. Let us consider the expense and even suffering in order to establish false religion under the impression that they are right. What can be the cause of all this but the fruit of sin.

But now let us take a view of the dear old church of God, can we find the fruits of sin in her? Yes. What disputes, wrangling, discord and strife we find in the household of faith. Oh, what seeking for supremacy and desire or popularity among our dear people. Think will you brethren, how little of the power and life of religion is enjoyed by us in this age. Our love is cold and faith is weak and desires are faint, and have turned our backs on many things that are good, carnal ease preferred and sought instead of showing that willingness to suffer the reproach with the dear lamb of God.

Paul saw something of this in the church at Corinth and yet he called them brethren. Yea his beloved sons in the gospel whom he had begotten through the gospel yet he found among them enjoying strife and division and some were puffed up even brethren going to law against brother and Paul declared there was a fault among them, yet he addressed them in that kind and brotherly way. Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment.

The child of God is not at all times humble and thankful to God for the grace that saved him from sin and gave him a comfortable hope in the Lord but is often disposed to grumble at the providence of God because the wicked prosper in his way and if God should favor them with the goods of this world in abundance, their hearts are captured and carried away until they forget the hand from whence they come. If sin be the cause of so much suffering and mistakes in the church of God, what a mercy it will be to be delivered from it. But this can never be while we dwell in this sinful flesh. Therefore mortality's veil must be dropped off and this we are sure will never be until we cross the cold Jordan of death, and then in our experience will be brought to pass the saying that is written. Death is swallowed up in victory and mortality is swallowed up of life. There may it be our happy lot to join that happy throng that shall praise God in that blessed world where sin, sorrow, pain and death can never come.

F. P. STONE.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Sunday Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licensed Min.	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Arbon	A. F. Smith, J. M. Hooker, Eld. Slate	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	$ .50
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny, L. D. Denny, Peyton Berge	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	38	2.00
Boyle's Chapel	T. P. Slaughter, W. A. Palmer and W. S. Denny	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	2.00
Conners Grove	R. L. Jones, T. J. Gates and Eld. J. W. Beasley	2	2	1	1	--	--	--	2	5	34	1.00
Deep Creek		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50
Fisher's River	Wilson Creed, Green Clifton, Jas Riggs	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	1.25
Fisher's Gap	Samuel Law, R. S. Goodson and A. R. Simmons	2	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	43	2.25
Franklin	Eld. W. H. Atkinson, J. W. Gilespie and E. M. Goings	3	2	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	54	4.00
Hogan's Creek	S. D. Key, Joe Key, Silas Pender and J. W. Wall	3	--	--	2	--	1	1	--	3	39	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	F. L. Lane, S. L. Arrington and Ceiphus Childress	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	11	1.50
Laurel Springs	S. T. Hall, W. A. Dunbar, John Creed.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	1.50
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, Frank Coe and Herbert Ashburn	1	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	26	1.00
Little Vine	Eld. W. C. Brooks, Jacob Mitchell and Martin Payne	4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	56	2.30
Mulberry	F. M. Eldridge, A. B. Key and O. B. Key	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	1.25
Pilot Mountain	Eld. G. O. Key, L. G. Tucker, Walter Boath and J. H. Sheats	1	1	--	1	1	--	3	--	--	46	5.00
Rock House	R. F. Cox, Eld. D. Collins and W. V. Pyrtle	2	2	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	59	2.20
State Road	W. F. Nixon, Tira Snow and Sutton Smith	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	2.25
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons. J. F. Joyce and J. M. Hunter	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36	5.50
Tom's Creek	A. S. Hunter, J. F. Nunn, C. L. Arrington	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	93	6.75
Stuart's Creek	R. W. Mosley, S. J. Booker and T. A. Jones	3	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	2	74	5.00
Union	H. R. Key, G. J. Key and W. T. Badgett	4	3	1	7	--	--	--	--	2	92	8.16
Volunteer	Eld. H. D. Mickey	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	.50

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MINUTES OF THE NINTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at

BOYLES CHAPEL

Stokes County, North Carolina

Friday, Saturday and 2nd Sunday August 7, 8, 9, 1925

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by song and prayer by Elder J. M. Crouse from Roaring River Association. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. G. Morton from Salem Association. Subject: Jeremiah 23rd chapter, 5 and 6th verses.

2. After intermission the messengers assembled in the house and after prayer by Elder G. O. Key the letters from all the churches were read, received and the messengers seated.

3. Elders Herbert Easter, Robert Riggins and W. R. Beasley were appointed to preach at the stand this afternoon.

4. Then elected Elder W. H. Atkinson, moderator and Elder F. P. Stone, clerk and Bro. G. J. Key Assistant Clerk.

5. Then called for correspondents from our sister Associations:

Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, J. W. Tuttle and Brother J. E. Hutchens; correspondents, Elders Walt Priddy, W. J. Brown and Waller Mabe and Brethren G. R. Campbell, S. J. Craddock, J. R. Beasley, J. W. Tilley, W. I. Fagg, Grover Shelton, A. A. Jefferson, Joe Carn, and Elders S. H. Reid, W. R. Beasley, visitors and minutes.

Mountain—Minutes.

Roaring River—Elder J. M. Crouse, correspondent and minutes.

Salem—Elder A. G. Morton, E. J. Clinard, J. T. Hicks, W. L. Teague, Elis Tate, Wesley Mabe, Charley Willard and C. A. Sprinkle, visitors and minutes.

Zion—Elders John R. Crews, Garland Allen and Bro. H. T. Branscome, correspondents Elders Herbert Easter, J. D. Easter and Brethren L. H. Easter and V. T. Easter, visitors and minutes.

Abbott's Creek—H. W. Johnson, L. R. Taylor, L. J. Hicks, H. S. Williams, Joseph P. Nelson, correspondents and a file of minutes.

Smith's River—Minutes only.

Upper Country Line—Jas. R. Jones, J. M. Dennis, correspondents and R. L. Sneed, visitor.

Lower Country Line—Minutes.

Black Creek—Elder C. F. Denny, visitor and minutes.

New River—Elder R. P. Vass and Brethren Chas. Horton and Joe Banks, correspondents and a file of minutes from Ketocton, Contentnea, Kehukee, Senter, White Oak, Little River, Ebenezer, Staunton River, Pig River, and Silver Creek.

6. Then called for petitionary letters, none presented.

7. The Moderator and Messengers of this church with the Association Clerk was appointed as a committee on preaching and they appointed for Saturday Elders J. M. Crouse from Roaring River first, J. D. Easter and Garland Allen from Zion to preach in the forenoon.

H. S. Williams from Abbott's Creek and Elder D. G. Staples from Mayo to preach in the house in the afternoon and Watt Priddy, W. J. Brown, J. Watt Tuttle from Mayo to preach at the stand in the afternoon.

For Sunday in the house, Elder C. W. Brook, J. M. Royal, C. F. Denny at the stand; Elders R. P.Vass, first, from New River, J. A. Fagg, from Mayo, second; Samuel McMillan from Abbott's' Creek third; P. J. Washburn from Pig River, fourth; F. P. Stone.

8. Then it was agreed that the moderator and clerk make all other appointments.

9. Elders G. O. Key, J. M. Royal and Jas. Creed were appointed to act with the Moderator and Clerk as a committee on arrangements.

10. Brethren J. M. Eldridge and J. Coy Smith were appointed a committee on finance.

11. Appointed Elder J. W. Beasley and Brother J. F. Nunn a committee on distributing corresponding minutes.

12. Then adjourned till 9 A. M. Saturday. Agreed that preaching begin at 10 A. M. each day.

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9 A. M. Saturday, August 8, 1925

1. The business session was opened by prayer by Elder J. M. Royal.

2. Called the roll of Messengers.

3. The report of the committee on arrangements was received and committee discharged.

4. Called for the report of correspondents and the report of those who attended was received and those who did not were excused.

5. Appointed correspondents as follows.

Mayo—Elder G. O. Key, D. Collins, J. W. Beasley.

New River—S. J. Booker, R. F. Cox, R. W. Mosely, and Elder J. S. Morrison.

Salem—Elders W. H. Atkinson, F. P. Stone and Brethren J. D. Key and W. A. Palmer.

Mountain—Elders J. M. Royal, D. Collins and A. B. Key.

Zion—Elders J. W. Beasley, W. C. Brooks and Bro. J. T. Payne.

Roaring River—Elders J. W. Creek, J. M. Royal and W. C. Brooks.

6. The circular letter was read, received and ordered printed with our minutes.

7. The clerk was appointed to write the next circular letter.

8. It was agreed to hold our next session of our Association with the church at Hollingsworth Grove nine miles east of Mt. Airy on the Mt. Airy and Stuart Highway to begin at the usual time Friday, Saturday and second Sunday in August, 1926.

9. The Clerk is authorized to have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

10. It is agreed that we give our Clerk $15.00 with all necessary expenses for his services.

11. It was agreed that we give our Moderator $10.00.

12. Called for the report of the Finance Committee and they reported.

Received from the churches	$60.85	
Remainder in Clerk's Hands	5.00	
Gave Moderator		$10.00
Gave Clerk		15.00
Paid for Printing and Postage		25.00
Paid for Stationery		.40
	$65.85	$50.40

13. Then agreed that we offer a resolution of thanks to the good brethren, sisters and friends for so kindly caring for and entertaining this Association and to the public for their good behavior on the grounds.

14. Then adjourned to time and place appointed.

W. H. ATKINSON, Mod.
F. P. STONE, Clerk.
G. J. KEY, Asst. Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Brethren: We have met in this, the ninety-third annual session of the Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association with our beloved brethren with whom we correspond. To mingle our voices together in prayer singing and praise to God who dwells in heaven and in times past was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in to glory, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father and ever liveth to make intercession for His people. And God has promised to bless His people when they obey Him, and the Lord's blessings cause obedience, and every child of God feels to thank the Lord that he has been enabled to obey the sweet commands of Jesus and thanks the Lord that he has been given the spirit of obedience, and he does not say I went in paths of righteousness, but, He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. The disobedient child of God will feel that he is altogether to blame for his evil walk and conduct and that his punishment is just. His going away was all of and by himself, but his coming back was all of and by the Lord who is merciful and long suffering. So in the spirit we are one, baptized by one spirit into one body our desires are the same. But what a wonderful work this is endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Because we differ from each other so greatly in the flesh. What long-suffering is necessary, what self denial, what forbearance. But love tells us what to do. Forbear one another in love. Love saves the fellowship. Love insists that we wait till the Lord works meekness and tenderness of conscience in our disorderly brother. The bond of love and union grows stronger as we meet with the bitter struggle of our own nature and see more need for the exercise in our own souls of the fruits of the spirit and by this we learn how good, helpful and serviceable it is for brethren to dwell together in with. How important it is that every one of this the dear family of God should carefully guard the unity of the spirit so far as it can be by human effort. It is over himself particularly that each one is to watch. His own words and acts and emotions, that

each one to guard. It is his own self that each one is to prove. And when we are thus laboring with our selves there will be found but little need for laboring with any other member of the dear family. While all are in this state of mind this sacred unity is without conscious effort kept in the bonds of peace. This is dwelling together in unity.

F. P. STONE.

Order of Preaching—Friday

1. Introductory, Elder A. G. Morton. Text, Jeremiah 23rd chapter, 5 and 6th verses.
2. Herbert Easter. Text, 2nd Timothy, 2 chapter 15th verse.
3. Robert Riggins, no special text.
4. W. R. Beasley, no special text.

Saturday at the Stand

1. Elder J. M. Crouse. Text 10 chapter John, 16th verse.
2. Elder J. D. Easter, no special text.
3. Elder G. P. Allen, no special text.
4. Elder Watt Priddy, Gen. 24th chapter, 27th verse.
5. Elder W. J. Brown Isaiah 7th chapter, 14th verse.
6. J. Watt Tuttle, Isaiah 40th chapter, 2nd verse

Saturday in the House

1. H. S. Williams Clerk failed to get text.
2. D. G. Staples.

Sunday in the house

1. Elder W. C. Brooks, failed to get text.
2. Elder J. M. Royal, text Heb. 1 chapter, 12th verse.
3. Elder C. F. Denny, clerk failed to get text.

Sunday at the Stand

1. Elder R. P. Vass, text Heb. 1st chapter 1st verse.
2. Elder J. A. Fagg, text John, 5th chapter 25th verse.
3. Elder Sam McMillan, text Jeremiah 12th chapter, 10, 11 verses.
4. Elder P. J. Washburn, text Romans 4th chapter, 2, 3 verses.
5. Elder F. P. Stone, text Galatians 5th chapter, 25th verse.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches	Clerk	P. O.	No. Minutes
Albion,	E. D. Slate,	Brim, N. C., R. 1	25
Ararat, Elder	Geo. Denny,	Pinnacle, N. C., R 3	45
Conner's Grove,	T. J. Gates,	Mt. Airy, N. C., R. 2	35
Boyles Chapel,	W. A. Palmer,	King, N. C., R. 1	25
Deep Creek,	J. D. Spencer,	East Bend, N. C.	25
Fisher's River,	Wilson Creed,	White Plains, N. C.	25
Fisher's Gap,	A. R. Simmons,	Low Gap, N. C.	35
Franklin,	E. M. Goings,	Round Peak, N. C.	50
Hogans Creek,	S. D. Key,	Siloam, N. C.	35
Hollingsworth Grove,	S. L. Arrington,	Mt. Airy, N. C. R 1	25
Laurel Springs,	C. T. Hall,	Round Peak, N. C.	25
Liberty,	R. S. Poindexter,	Crutchfield, N. C.	25
Little Vine,	Jacob Mitchel,	Dobson, N. C.	35
Mulberry,	J. M. Eldridge,	State Road, N. C. R. 1	35
Pilot Mountain,	J. H. Sheats,	Pilot Mountain, N. C.	75
Rock House,	R. F. Cox,	Westfield, N. C. R. 1	60
State Road,	W. F. Nixon,	State Road, N. C. R. 2	35
Stoney Creek,	E. F. Simmons,	Mt. Airy, N. C. R 1	50
Stewart's Creek,	R. W. Mosley,	Mt. Airy, N. C., R 3	65
Toms Creek,	J. F. Nunn,	Westfield, N. C., R. 1	75
Union,	G. J. Key,	Ararat, N. C.	75
Volunteer,	Mrs. Bettie Gordon,	Pinnacle, N. C. R 1	25
Abbott's Creek,	A. L. Owens,	Salisbury, N. C., R. 3	20
Black Creek, Elder	E. L. Cobb,	Wilson, N. C.	23
Contentnea,	H. L. Brake,	Rocky Mount, N. C.	20
Ebenezer,	W. L. Carpenter,	Brightwood, N. C.	20
Kehukee,	B. S. Cowen,	Williamston, N. C.	25
Little River,	R. F. Smith,	Benson, N. C.	20
Lower Country Line,	L. H. Gooch,	Stem, N. C.	16
Mountain,	J. M. Rector,	Baywood, Va.	18
Mayo,	S. G. Dobbins,	Claudville, Va.	30
New River, Eld.	R. P. Vass,	Fancy Gap, Va.	20
Pig River, Elder	E. L. Blankenship,	Boon Mill, Va.	25
Roaring River,	J. D. Hall,	Hall's Mill, N. C.	12
Silver Creek,	T. H. Bently,	Stanley, N. C.	10
Staunton River,	R. L. Dodson,	Ringgold, Va.	20
Senter,	J. F. Hartszog,	Idelwild, N. C.	14
Smith's River, Eld.	J. D. Cockran,	Stuart, Va.	20
Upper Country, Line, Eld.	J. W. Gilliam,	Altamahaw, N. C.	18
Zion,	H. T. Branscome,	Fancy Gap, Va.	15
White Oak, Eld.	Isaac Jones,	Maple Hill, N. C.	18

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTER

Gabriel Denny ---------- Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
G. O. Key ---------- Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson ---------- Route 1, Round Peak, N. C.
H. D. Mickey ---------- Route 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
J. M. Royal ---------- Thurman, N. C.
J. L. Pyrtle ---------- Spray, N. C.
F. P. Stone ---------- Route 1, Francisco, N. C.
Geo. Denny ---------- Route 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
James Creed ---------- Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins ---------- Route 1, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggins ---------- Round Peak, N. C.
J. W. Beasley ---------- Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison ---------- Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harris ---------- Mt. Airy, N. C.
W. C. Brooks ---------- Dobson, N. C.
C. W. Stone ---------- Rockford, N. C.
A. B. Key ---------- Rusk, N. C.

Licentiates

W. J. Key ---------- Ararat, N. C.
J. Key ---------- Winston-Salem, N. C.
Charley Adams ---------- Route 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Albion ---------- Elder F. P. Stone
Ararat ---------- Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel ---------- Elder S. H. Reid
Conner's Grove ---------- Elders J. W. Beasley, G. W. Harris
Deep Creek ---------- Elders G. O. Key, Geo Denny
Fisher's River ---------- Elder J. W. Beasley
Fisher's Gap ---------- Elders J. F. Fulk and W. C. Brooks
Franklin ---------- Elder W. H. Atkinson
Hogan's Creek ---------- Elders J. W. Creek and C. W. Stone
Hollingsworth Grove ---------- F. P. Stone
Laurel Springs ---------- Elder J. C. Dunbar
Liberty ---------- Elders C. W. Stone and J. W. Creed
Little Vine ---------- Elder W. C. Brooks
Mulberry ---------- Elders J. W. Creed and J. C. Dunbar
Pilot Mountain ---------- Elder G. O. Key and Geo. Denny
Rock House ---------- Elder D. Collins
State Road ---------- Elders J. M. Royal and W. C. Brooks
Stoney Creek ---------- Elder F. P. Stone
Tom's Creek ---------- Elders G. O. Key and F. P. Stone
Stuart's Creek ---------- Elders G. O. Key and J. E. Dunbar
Union ---------- Elder J. C. Dunbar
Volunteer ---------- Elder S. H. Reid

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CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Meeting Days	Ord. Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Rec'd. by Exp.	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Albion	Elder F P. Stone, Elder Slate	4	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	25	$2.00
Ararat	Peyton Burg, Eld. Geo. Denny and J. M. Ashburn	2	2	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	2.00
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer, J. P. Slawter, J. C. Cadman	2	--	--	10	4	--	--	--	--	23	2.50
Conner's Grove	J. W. Beasley, J. T. Payne, Eld. G. W. Harris	--	2	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	34	1.50
Deep Creek	J. B. Hinshaw, J. R. Hall, J. H. Spencer	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	29	1.85
Fisher's River	Geo. Wilson, Wesley Branch	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	1	16	1.75
Fisher's Gap	Malon Low, A. R. Simmons, Samtrle Low	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	--	2	45	2.50
Franklin	James Branch, Grover Branch, E. M. Gains	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	46	5.00
Hagan's Creek	S. D. Key, Joe Key, Silas Perry, J. W. Wall	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	38	1.50
Hollingworth's Grove	S. L. Arrington, J. L. Love, Ceiphus Childres	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	2.50
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall, L. B. Dunbar, J. B. Creed	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	19	1.50
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, Herbert Ashburn, J. W. Pilsey	--	--	--	3	1	--	--	--	1	26	1.00
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell, W. C. Brooks, Martin Payne	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	54	1.50
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge, A. B. Key, O. B. Key	--	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	1.50
Pilot Mountain	Eld. G. O. Key, L. G. Tucker, J. W. Booth	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	46	6.55
Rock House	Eld. D. Collins, R. F. Cox, E. E. Cox and G. L. Joyce	--	2	--	1	--	--	2	--	4	53	1.50
State Road	Harden Stonestreet, Tire Snow, Eld. J. M. Royal	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	43	2.00
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. F. Joyce, J. M. Hunter	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	39	5.00
Tom's Creek	A. Hunter, J. F. Nunn, C. G. Arrington	4	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	93	4.75
Stuart's Creek	S. J. Booker, R. M. Stoneman, R. W. Mosley	--	--	--	2	1	--	--	1	2	74	4.25
Union	Eld. J. W. Creed, J. C. Dunbar, H. R. Key	--	3	1	4	--	--	1	1	--	--	6.30
Volunteer	Eld. H. D. Mickey, D. R. Bennett	--	1	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	29	1.80

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MINUTES

OF THE

94th Annual Session

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

The Church at Hollingsworth Grove

Friday, Saturday, and Second Sunday

August 6, 7 and 8, 1926

OFFICERS

W. H. ATKERSON,..... Moderator
Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. STONE,..... Clerk
Francisco, N. C., R. 1

G. J. KEY,..... Assistant Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by song and prayer by Eld. G. O. Key. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. G. M. Trent from Mayo, then gave an intermission of one hour.

2. After intermission the congregation was called to order by the Moderator after which the Association was opened with song and prayer by Eld. Geo. Denny.

3. Eld. J. A. Moxley from the Mountain, and Eld. L. I. Gilbert from Smith's River, and Eld. W. J. Brown from Mayo were appointed to preach this afternoon.

4. Then the letters from the several churches were handed in, read, received and messengers seated.

5. Then elected Eld W. H. Atkerson, Moderator, and Eld. F. P. Stone, Clerk, with Bro. G. J. Key, Assistant Clerk.

6. Then called for correspondents and the following reported from:

Mayo—Eld. J. W. Tuttle, Deacons Jessie Beasley, J. E. Hutchens and A. M. Flippen, correspondents. Elds. J. W. Brown, R. L. Anderson, and Brethren J. Frank Mills, J. Fletcher Mills, C. F. Anderson, R. M. Anderson, Robert T. Anderson, Walter Carter, Sam Corn, A. A. Jefferson, and J. W. Sehen, visitors and a file of minutes.

Mountain—Elder J. A. Moxley and C. G. Fender correspondent, J. M. Rector, visitor, and minutes.

Roaring River—Elder R. T. Monday correspondent and minutes.

Salem—Brother Ellis D. Tate, correspondent and minutes.

Zion—Isaac Quesinberry correspondent; J. F. Fulk, visitor.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes.

Smiths River—Elder L. I. Gilbert, correspondent and minutes.

New River—Frank Quesinberry, visitor.

A file of minutes were received from the following:

Pig River, Contentnea, Black Creek, Kehukee, Stauntor River, Bear Creek, White Oak, Little River. Lower Country Line, Senter, Ketocton, Ebenezer and Upper Country Line.

The following brethren from Little Flock church, Amelia County, Va., that was organized by our clerk Elder F. P. Stone, to wit; W. J. Hall, W. E. Hollingsworth, S. J. Martin, J. D. Anderson, John Smith, G. W. Moorefield, Emory Flippin were received as visitors.

7. Then called for petitionary letter and the church at Mitchells River presented her letter asking for admittance into the union of this Association, and was received by a unanimous vote.

8. Then the moderator and clerk were appointed to make all appointments. Elders G. O. Key, D. Collins and Geo. Denny were appointed as a committee on arrangements, to serve with moderator and clerk.

9. Brethren G. J. Key and R. F. Cox were appointed as a committee on finance.

10. Brethren S. L. Arrington and Joe Key were appointed as a committee on the distribution of corresponding minutes.

11. Adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Saturday.

Saturday, August 7, 1926, 9:00 A. M.

1. The business session of the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder H. D. Mickey.

2. Called the roll of messengers and struck out the names of absentees.

3. Called for the report of the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

4. Called for the report of correspondents. Report of those who attended was received and those who did not were excused.

5. Appointed correspondents as follows:

Mayo—Elders G. O. Key, F. P. Stone and Bro. J. D. Key; New River—Elders J. W. Harris and G. O. Key; Salem—Elders D. Collins, Geo. Denny and Bro. J. D. Key; Zion—Elder J. W. Beasley, R. L. Jones and J. T. Payne; Mountain—Elders F. P. Stone, A. B. Key and W. H. Atkerson; Roaring River—Elders C. W. Stone, A. B. Key and Bro. J. A. Coleman.

A file of minutes were sent to the following Associations:

Pig River, Contentnea, Black Creek, Kehukee, Staunton River, White Oak, Little River, Lower Country Line, Upper Country Line, Senter, Ketoeton and Ebenezer.

6. The moderator and messengers of this church were appointed as a committee on preaching, and the following were appointed.

For Saturday at the stand, (1) Leander DeHart, (2) J. F. Fulk, (3) R. T. Monday, (4) R. T. Anderson, (5) H. D. Mickey, (6) W. J. Brown, and J. W. Tuttle to preach in the house in the afternoon.

For Sunday, (1) Geo. Denny, (2) D. Collins, (3) S. A. Tompson to go to stand in the grove and R. P. Vass and Sam Cager to preach in the house in the morning, and G. O. Key and J. W. Tuttle in the afternoon.

7. The circular letter was read, approved and ordered printed with our minutes.

8. It was moved, seconed and carried that our clerk F. P. Stone write our next circular letter.

9. The matter in regard to Dover church being discussed by the committee was referred to the Association, and after reading the letter from said church and the statment of her messenger to the acknowledgment of their faults, and was willing to be governed by the rules and regulations of this association and wanted a home with us. It was moved, seconed and unanimously carried that they be received back into the full fellowship of the association.

10. It was agreed that our next association convene at Franklin church, Surry County, N. C., eleven miles west of Mt. Airy, N. C. on the Mt. Airy and Therman road, six miles northwest of Dobson, N. C., and to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1927, and continue three days.

11. Agreed that we have the usual amount of 1200 minutes printed and distributed as usual.

12. It is ordered the clerk have 250 church letter blanks printed for the church clerks.

13. Agreed that we give our clerk the usual amount of $15.00 with all expenses for his services.

14. Also agreed that we give our moderator $10.00 for his faithful service.

15. The committee on finance reported as follows:

Received from the churches	$59.70
In hands of clerk	15.45
	$75.15

Paid for printing and postage	$32.50
Gave clerk	15.00
Gave moderator	10.00
Paid for printing letter blanks	2.50
Stationery and postage	.40

16. Then offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for entertaining this association so kindly and to the audience for their good behavior on the grounds.

17. Then adjourned to time and place appointed.

W. H. Atkerson, Moderator, Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. Stone, Clerk, Francisco, N. C. R. 1.

G. J. Key, Asst. Clerk, Ararat, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the ministers, messengers and correspondents composing this the 94th annual session of the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren:——Another year with its joys and sorrows has passed, and we are reminded by its lessons we are hastening to that goal from which no traveler ever returns. But amid all the conflicts through which we have passed, the last year, we feel that we yet have much for which we desire to offer thanks to the Giver of all percious gifts. We desire to continue steadfastly in the doctrine of the Apostles worshiping the God of our fathers, believing that Jesus is the one and only name given among men whereby we must be saved.

We know that we have been comforted and encouraged by the ministers and correspondents who have come among us, testifing to the precious truths of the holy scriptures and being the gladsome sound of salvation alone through the sovereign grace of God and how sweet the peace and fellowship of such union and doctrine to the believing children while here on earth, and may we be blessed to continue in that doctrine of "On earth peace and good will toward men." Laying aside vain words that are not food to the children of God, for the spirit of peace which is the spirit of Christ and which enables us to look over each other for good and instead of destoying the peace of the brethren to the dividing of homes and churches, it binds the saints together and brings us to our brother's feet. Instead of desiring to be lord over God's heritage, desire to be the servant of God's humble children.

Now dear brethren, we have learned in the past that trials and tribulations await us, every stroke that is needed will be given us, every promise that has ever been made in behalf of the poor and needy ones will be to the declarative glory of God, and all shall come up out of all their great tribulation into eternal glory. For—

In all their afflictions His glory shall spring,
And the deeper their sorrows, the louder they'll sing.

Submitted in love,

F. P. STONE.

ORDER OF PREACHING AT THE STAND

FRIDAY—1. Eld. G. M. Trent, from Mayo. Text, Isa. 55 : 1, 2.
" 2. Eld. J. A. Moxley, Mountain. Text, II Tim. 4 : 1, 2.
" 3. Eld. L. J. Gilbert. Smith River. Text, Isa. 11 : 6.
" 4. Eld. W. J. Brown, Mayo. Text, St. John 10 : 27.

SAT.— 1. Eld. Leander DeHart, Smiths River. Text Jno. 19 ; 30.
" 2. Eld. J. F. Fulk, Zion. Text, Isa. 55 : 10.
" 3. Eld. R. T. Monday, Roaring River .....
" 4. —— R. T. Anderson ....No special text.
" 5. Eld. H. D. Mickey..... .....Text, St. John 4 : 10.
" 6. Eld. W. J. Brown, Mayo. Text, St. Matt. 5 : 4.

IN THE HOUSE—SATURDAY—
Eld. J. W. Tuttle, Mayo. Text, Heb. 2 : 12.

SUNDAY— Eld. R. P. Vass, New River. Text, Deut. 32 : 2.
" Eld. Sam Cager ..... No special Text

AT THE STAND—
" 1. Eld. Geo. Denny..... ..... Text, St. Luke 24 : 11.
" 2. Eld. D. Collins..... ..... Text, Psalms 66 : 16.
" 3 Eld. S. A. Thompson, Mayo. Text, St. John 11 : 26.
" 4. Eld. G. O. Key..... .....Text, I Cor. 15 : 22.
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Salem	J. H. McKaughan	R1, Kernersville,	" 10
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idle Wild,	" 12
Staunton River	R. L. Dodson	Danville, Va.	17
Smiths River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart,	" 20
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White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill,	" 16
Zion	H. F. Branscome	Fancy Gap, Va.	11

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Boyles Chapel ..... Elder S. H. Reid
Conners Grove ..... Elders J. W. Beasley and G. W. Harris
Deep Creek ..... Elder G. O. Key
Dover ..... Elder A. B. Key
Fishers River ..... Elders J. W. Beasley and J. F. Fulk
Fishers Gap ..... Elder W. C. Brooks
Franklin ..... Elder W. H. Atkerson
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Rock House ..... Elder D. Collins
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Union ..... Elders J. C. Dunbar, J. W. Creed, C. W. Stone
Volunteer ..... Elder S. H. Reid

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Gabrel Denny ..... R. 3, Pinnacle, N. C.
G. O. Key ..... Pilot Mountain, ,,
W. H. Atkerson ..... R. 1, Round Peak, ,,
H. D. Mickey ..... R. 2, Pinnacle, ,,
J. M. Royal ..... Thurman, ,,
J. S. Pyrtle ..... Kernersville, ,,
F. P. Stone ..... R. 1, Francisco, ,,
Geo. Denny ..... R. 3, Pinnacle, ,,
J. W. Creed ..... R. 1, Ararat, ,,
D. Collins ..... R. 2, Pinnacle, ,,
R. H. Riggins ..... Mount Airy, ,,
J. C. Dunbar ..... R. 4, Mount Airy, ,,
J. W. Beasley ..... R 5, Mount Airy, ,,
J. S. Morrison ..... R. 1, Mount Airy, ,,
G. W. Harris ..... R. 3, Mount Airy, ,,
C. W. Stone ..... R. 1, Rockford, ,,
W. C. Brooks ..... R. 1, Dobson, ,,
A. B. Key ..... R. 1, Rusk, ,,
Charley Adams ..... R. 2, Pilot Mountain, ,,

LICENTIATES

W. J. Key ..... Ararat, N. C.
J. D. Key ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.
C. J. Draughn ..... White Plains, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licen. Min.	Recd. by Exper.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
ARARAT	Eld. Geo. Denny, J. M. Jones and E. P. Burge	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	34	$2.00
BOYLES CHAPEL	W. A. Palmer, J. Coy Smith and J. P. Slaughter	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	26	2.25
CONNERS GROVE	R. L. Jones, T. J. Gates and Eld. J. W. Beasley	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	1.80
DEEP CREEK	J. R. Hall, R. L. Hall and M. M. Flinn	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	30	2.00
DOVER	C. J. Draughn and J. A. Draughn	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1.00
FISHERS RIVER	George Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	1.50
FISHERS GAP	S. S. Lowe and Sammie Lowe		0	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	39	2.00
FRANKLIN	John Glipsie and E. M. Goings	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	47	4.00
HAGANS CREEK	Joe Key and S. D. Key	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	36	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	J. L. Lane, C. Childress and S. L. Arrington	1	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	25	2.75
LAUREL SPRINGS	C. T. Hall and L. B. Dunbar	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	1.50
LIBERTY	J. W. Pilson and Hubert Ashburn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	1.00
LITTLE VINE	Jacob Mitchell. Martin Payne and Eld. W. C. Brooks		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1.50
MULBERRY	J. M. Eldridge and Eld. A. B. Key		1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	34	1.50
MITCHELLS RIVER	J. A. Coleman, P. H. Smith and H. A. Stuart	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1.00
PILOT MOUNTAIN	Eld. G. O. Key, J. H. Sheets and S. J. Fry	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	46	7.35
ROCK HOUSE	Eld. D. Collins, R. F. Cox and E. E. Cox	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	54	1.75
STATE ROAD	W. T. Nixon and Harden Stonestreet	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	2.45
STONEY CREEK	E. F. Simmons, C. T. Norman and J. F. Joyce	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	5.50
TOMS CREEK	J. F. Nunn, E. D. Slate and Y. W. Simmons	4	2	0	4	5	0	0	0	2	100	3.55
STUARTS CREEK	T. A. Jones, R. W. Stoneman and R. W. Mosley	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	74	5.00
UNION	G. J. Key and S. G. Harbor	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	93	5.55
VOLUNTEER	Eld. H. D. Mickey	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	1.25

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MINUTES

OF THE

Ninety-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

The Church at Franklin

Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday

August 12, 13 and 14, 1927

OFFICERS

W. H. ATKINSON .....Moderator
Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. STONE,..... Clerk
Francisco, N. C., R. 1

G. J. KEY,.....Assistant Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by Eld. J. H. Gentry from Elk Horn Association, W. Va. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. H. V. Snow of some association. Text, Rev. 15 : 3. And they sang the Song of Moses the servent of God, etc. Then gave an intermission of one hour.

2. After intermission the association assembled in the house and was opened by prayer by Eld. G. W. Harris.

3. Then the letters from the churches represented read and messengers seated. Dover, Hagans Creek and Hollingsworth Grove failed to be represented. Volunteer letters were read and Bro. D. I. Bennett was seated as messenger from said church. They failed to get their letter approved by the church, on account of sickness the moderator was absent and had no conference.

4. Elders D. S. Jones of Bear Creek, Hardy Hawks of Zion and Bro Geo. Hill of Salem were appointed to preach at the stand.

5. It was agreed that we elect our moderator and clerk by private ballot and Bro. R. F. Cox was appointed to take the vote for moderator and Bro. J. P. Slaughter to do same for clerk. Eld. W. H. Atkinson was elected moderator and Eld. F. P. Stone clerk, then Bro. G. J. Key was elected assistant clerk by acclamation.

6. Then called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations;

Roaring River—Bro. Jesse Miller correspondents and minutes.

Salem—Eld. G. M. Trent, Brethren Geo. Hill and D. F. Roberts correspondents, and Bro. Ellis Tate visitor and minutes.

Zion—Elder J. R. Cruise, M. W. Nooncaster correspondents, Eld. J. F. Fulk, H. F. Branscome, E. P. Davis, L. H. Easter and Hardy Hawks visitors and minutes.

Bear Creek—Eld. D. S. Jones and J. F. Burris cor. and minutes.

Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch and wife, visitors and minutes. All were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the moderator.

Elk Horn of W. Va.—Elds. W. S. England, H. V. Snow, J. H. Gentry and Bro. W. P. Goings, visitors.

Mayo—Eld. S. A. Tompson and Brethren A. A. Jefferson, J. E. Hutchens, correspondents. Eld. W. R. Beasley, Jesse Beasley, Jim Beasley, visitors and minutes.

Mountain—Eld. S. U. Atwood, visitor and minutes.

Smiths River—Eld. Leander DeHart, visitor and minutes.

A file of minutes were received from the following:

Abbotts Creek, Kehukee, Ketocton, Roaring River, Staunton River, Upper Country Line, Little River, Senter, Silver Creek, and White Oak.

7. Called for petitionary letter. None received.

8. The moderator and clerk were asked to appoint all committees and they appointed Eld. J. M. Royal, D. Collins and Bro. J. F. Nunn to act with them as a committee on arrangements.

9. Brethren L. D. Denny and R. F. Cox a committee on finance.

10. Elds. A. B. Key and J. W. Beasley to distribute corresponding minutes.

11. Brethren J. R. Hall and J. M. Hunter were appointed to serve with the moderator and messengers of this church as a committee on preaching, and they appointed:

For Saturday, Elders G. M. Trent, J. C. Dunbar, J. H. Gentry, J. S. Morrison, S. A. Tompson.

For Sunday, Elders W. R. Beasley, W. S. England, Leander DeHart, H. V. Snow and R. H. Riggans.

12. Then adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Saturday. Preaching to begin at 10:00 A. M. Saturday and Sunday.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1927, 9:00 A. M.

1. The business session of the association was opened by song by moderator and prayer by Elder W. S. England.

2. Called the roll of messengers.

3. Called for the report of the committee on arrangements; the report received and committee discharged.

4. Called for the report of correspondents; the report of those who attended were received and those that did not were excused.

5. The messengers from Hollingsworth Grove church reported; their letter was received and messengers seated.

6. Appointed correspondents as follows:

Mayo—Elders G. O. Key, A. B. Key, J. W. Beasley, F. P. Stone and Bro. R. L. Jones; Salem—Elders F. P. Stone, G. O. Key and D. Collins; Zion—Elders D. Collins, W. H. Atkinson and A. B. Key; Mountain—Elders D. Collins, A. B. Key and Bro. Malon Lowe; Roaring River—Elder A. B. Key and Bro. J. A. Coleman; New River—Elder G. O. Key and Bro. S. J. Booker.

7. The circular letter was read, received and ordered attached to our minutes.

8. Eld. G. O. Key was appointed to write the obituary of Eld. H. D. Mickey, and Eld. Geo. Denny was appointed to write the same of Elder G. Denny, each to call to their assistance any help they may need.

9. Appointed the clerk to write our next circular letter.

10. On account of the brethren being so busy during the month of August taking care of their tobacco, it was agreed that we change the time of holding our association back to the 4th Sunday in Oct., Friday and Saturday before, of each year. So our next session will be held with Liberty church 6 miles southeast of Dobson, Surry Co., N. C., 6 miles north of Rockford, N. C., to convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1928.

11. It is agreed that we withhold correspondence with Little River association on account of the division in same.

12. It is ordered that the clerk have the usual number of 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

13. Agreed that we give our clerk the usual fee of $15.00 for his services, also to give our moderator $10.00.

14. Called for report of the finance committee and they reported:

Received from the churches	$63.55
Balance in clerk's hands	14.75
	$78.30

Paid for printing and postage	$35.00
Gave clerk	15.00
Gave moderator	10.00
Stationery and postage	.32
Mailing out church letter blanks	.46
Total	$60.78
Balance in clerk's hands	$17.52

15. Agreed to unite in offering a resolution of thanks to God for his blessing us with the privilege of meeting again in union and peace, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their hospitality in entertaining and caring for this association.

16. Then adjourned to time and place appointed.

W. H. Atkinson, Moderator, Round Peak, N. C.

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G. J. Key, Asst. Clerk, Ararat, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY —	1.	Elder D. S. Jones.	No special text.
	2.	Elder Hardy Hawks.	No special text.
	3.	Brother Geo. Hill.	Text, II Cor. 3 : 17.
SATURDAY—	1.	Elder G. M. Trent,	Text, Isaiah 9 : 6.
	2.	Elder J. C. Dunbar.	No special text.
	3.	Elder J. H. Gentry.	No special text.
	4.	Elder J. S. Morrison,	No special text.
	5.	Elder S. A. Thompson.	Text, II Tim. 4 ; 2.
SUNDAY —	1.	Elder W. R. Beasley.	Text, Jonah 2 : 9.
	2.	Elder W. S. England.	No special text.
	3.	Elder Leander DeHart.	Text, I Cor. 2 : 1.
	4.	Elder H. V. Snow.	No special text.
	5.	Elder R. H. Riggans	No special text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed again to write the Circular Letter for this, the ninty-fifth annual session of the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association, I will take for my subject—"I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord"—Psalms 122 : 1. It matters not what our occupation is, as we proceed with our daily vocation in the field, store or office or the neccessary rest is being taken, the mind is considering the exceeding sinfulness of our nature and the necessity of sin being punished because God is holy and just, yet we feel continually a hungering and thirsting after righteousness and while we are trying to do our natural duty as citizens, within our souls the cry is still going on, God be merciful to me a sinner.

The soul that sinneth it shall die; no hope for a sinner. How shall a man be just with God? No way in which he can enter into the house of the Lord or ever dwell in the favor of God. How those we are associated with, whom we are conversing with concerning worldly affairs would wonder if they could hear the groanings that cannot be uttered, or what thoughts there are deep down in our hearts, who hath sorrows like our sorrows but they cannot hear or know of these inward workings, these sighs and crys, they cannot hear the whirlwind in the soul by which the Lord prepared Job and prepares all his people to hear his solemn questions, and to cry out behold I am vile. Job's friends could not hear that, nor can any one until the Lord speaks to him. But in His own good time and way the Lord caused the poor soul to feel a wonderful indescribable change. Down in the depths of the soul he feels that all the elements and circumstances of sorrow are gone and in solemn and joyful surprise he breaks out in the language as that used by the Psalmist: "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord." This gladness is of a different nature from any ever felt before. When I first felt this spiritual gladness in the hope given me many years ago that I was one of those for whom Jesus died.

The natural circumstances may continue and our natural work go on, and the people with whom we mingle with in the world can see nothing of which caused this gladness, they can only see the glow upon the face caused by the sunshine in the heart. But the change to us seems absolute. All within is light, gladness reigns and every sorrow seems to be gone and we feel assured that we are done with sorrow because as it seems to us our sins which were the cause of all our sorrows are gone forever. But Oh! how much we have to learn concerning the sinfulness of our carnal nature and concerning the glorious justice and infinite mercy and grace of our God. This they who said, let us go into the house of the Lord are all who have known the way of the Lord.

Then we want to stand in the order of the gospel and desire that our feet may never be found outside of the lovely gates.

We feel such a love and union with those who love the truth, that we feel the power of the next sweet expression of this Psalm: Jeruselum is builded as a city that is compact together, and their desire is to keep the unity of the spirit in giving thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Those in whom this love has once been felt are born of God and shall dwell with Him in glory.

F. P. STONE.

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Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy, "	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. Airy, "	60
Toms Creek	J. F. Nunn	R. 1. Westfield, "	70
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, "	70
Volunteer	Mrs. Bettie Gordon	Pilot M't'n, "	20

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Liberty	Elder J. W. Creed
Little Vine	Elder W. C. Brooks
Mulberry	Elder J. C. Dunbar
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State Road	Elders J. M. Royal and C. W. Brooks
Stoney Creek	Elder F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek	Elders G. O. Key and J. C. Dunbar
Toms Creek	Elders G. O. Key and F. P. Stone
Union	Elders J. C. Dunbar, J. W. Creed and C. W. Stone
Volunteer	Elder S. H. Reid

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

G. O. Key	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson	Round Peak, ,,
J. M. Royal	Thurmond, ,,
J. S. Pyrtle	Kernersville, ,,
F. P. Stone	R. 1, Francisco, ,,
Geo. Denny	R. 3, Pinnacle, ,,
J. W. Creed	R. 1, Ararat, ,,
D. Collins	R. 2, Pinnacle, ,,
R. H. Riggans	Mt. Airy, ,,
J. C. Dunbar	R. 4, Mt. Airy, ,,
J. W. Beasley	R. 5, Mt. Airy, ,,
J. S. Morrison	R. 1, Mt. Airy, ,,
G. W. Harris	R. 3, Mt. Airy, ,,
C. W. Stone	R. 1, Rockford, ,,
W. C. Brooks	R. 1, Dobson, ,,
A. B. Key	R. 1, Rusk, ,,
Charley Adams	R. 2, Pilot Mountian, ,,

LICENTIATES

W. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.
J. D. Key	Winston-Salem, ,,
C. J. Draughn	White Plains, ,,

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ARARAT	J. D. Key, L. D. Denny and J. M. Jones	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	30	$2.50
BOYLES CHAPEL	W. A. Palmer, W. S. Denny and J. P. Slaughter	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	26	3.50
CONNERS GROVE	Eld. J. W. Beasley, R. L. Jones and T. J. Gates*	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	33	1.50
DEEP CREEK	R. L. Hall, J. H. Spencer and J. R. Hall	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	29	2.00
DOVER			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
FISHERS RIVER	Geo. Wilson, Wesley Branch and Fred Hodge	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	15	1.25
FISHERS GAP	Mahlon Lowe, W. S. Gentry, Burlie Lowe*	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	36	2.20
FRANKLIN	Eld. R. H. Riggans, John Glippsie and E. M. Goings	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	48	4.25
HAGANS CREEK		3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	36	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	J. L. Lane, J. F. Anderson and Cephus Childress	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	29	4.00
LAUREL SPRINGS	C. T. Hall, J. B. Creed and L. B. Dunbar	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	1.50
LIBERTY	J. W. Pilson, Herbert Ashburn and R. S. Poindexter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	1.00
LITTLE VINE	Eld. W. C. Brooks, A. J. Beamer* and Martin Paine	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	55	1.60
MULBERRY	R. Draughn*, J. M. Eldridge* and A. B. Key	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1.50
MITCHELLS RIVER	P. H. Snow, Hampton Stuart and J. A. Coleman	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.05
PILOT MOUNTAIN	Eld. G. O. Key, S. J. Fry and J. W. Simmons	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	45	7.00
ROCK HOUSE	Eld. D. Collins, R. F. Cox and E. E. Cox	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	53	2.00
STATE ROAD	Eld. J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon, Luther Smith, T. Snow	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	43	2.00
STONEY CREEK	E. F. Simmons,* J. M. Hunter and C. F. Norman*	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	6.85
TOMS CREEK	J. F. Nunn, A. D. Hunter and Y. W. Simmons	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	98	4.00
STUARTS CREEK	R. W. Mosley, S. J. Booker and R. M. Stoneman	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	72	5.85
UNION	G. J. Key, G. F. Riddle and S. J. Badgett	4	3	1	4	0	2	1	0	4	94	5.00
VOLUNTEER	D. I. Bennett	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	1.50

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MINUTES

OF THE

Ninety-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Liberty

Friday, Saturday and Fourth Sunday

OCTOBER 26, 27, and 28, 1928

Officers

W. H. ATKINSON .....Moderator
Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. STONE ..... Clerk
Francisco, N. C., R. 1.

G. J. KEY..... Assistant Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

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Volunteer	Elder C. W. Stone

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G. O. Key	Pilot Mountain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson	Round Peak, ,,
J. M. Royal	Thurmond, ,,
J. S. Purtle	Kernersville, ,,
F. P. Stone	R. 1, Franscisco, ,,
Geo. Denny	R. 3, Pinnacle, ,,
J. W. Creed	R. 1, Ararat, ,,
D. Collins	R. 2, Pinnacle, ,,
R. H. Riggans	Mount Airy, ,,
J. C. Dunbar	R. 4, Mount Airy, ,,
J. W. Beasley	R. 5, Mount Airy, ,,
J. S. Morrison	R. 1, Mount Airy, ,,
G. W. Harris	R. 3, Mount Airy, ,,
C. W. Stone	R. 1, Rockford, ,,
W. C. Brooks	R. 1, Dobson, ,,
A. B. Key	R. 1, Rusk, ,,
Charley Adams	R. 2, Pilot Mountain, ,,

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W. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.
J. D. Key	Winston-Salem, ,,
C. J. Draughn	White Plains, ,,

PROCEEDINGS

1. Services were introduced by Elder J. M. Williams by song and prayer. Then the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Royal. Text, "That which was written aforetime," &c.

2. After intermission the association assembled in the house and was opened by prayer by Elder R. H. Riggans.

3. Then the letters from the churches were presented, read, received and messengers seated.

4. Elders J. A. Preston from Mountain, M. P. Spencer from Roaring River, and R. C. Martin from Rock Springs, Ky., was appointed to the stand to preach this afternoon.

5. Then the association organized. Elder W. H. Atkinson was elected moderator, Elder F. P. Stone clerk, and Bro. G. J. Key assistant clerk.

6. Then called for correspondents and visitors:

Roaring River—Elders R. T. Monday, J. A. Preston, M. P. Spencer correspondents; J. W. Lyon visitor, and minutes.

Mayo—Elders J. W. Tuttle and S. A. Thompson correspondents; Elder J. A. Fagg visitor, and minutes.

Zion—Elders J. D. Easter and J. F. Fulk and A. M. Jennings correspondents; H. P. Stoneman, W. T. Goad, H. W. Easter, L. H. Easter and W. W. Sumner visitors, and minutes.

Mountain—Elders J. M. Williams and J. A. Moxley correspondents; J. E. Joines and I. C. Reynolds visitors, and minutes.

Abbotts Creek—Elder A. C. Key and H. W. Johnson correspondents; J. A. Edwards visitor, and minutes.

Union Association of Ky.—Elder R. C. Martin visitor.

Rock Springs of Ky.—Elder E. L. Tackett, J. M. and P. H. Caudill.

Salem—R. Snider, L. V. Smith and Ellis Tate correspondents; Elder G. W. Hill visitor, and minutes.

Bear Creek—J. M. Taylor, Sam Reams and minutes.

Upper Country Line—Elder O. J. Denny visitor, and minutes.

A file of minutes from Ebenezer, Senter, Lower Conntry Line, Ketocton, Pig River, New River, Contentnea, Little River, Staunton River, Silver Creek, White Oak, Kehukee, and Smith River.

7. Called for a petitionary letter. None recieved.

8. The moderator was requested to appoint all committees, and they appointed three committees as follows:

9. Elders Geo. Denny, J. W. Creed and G. J. Key to serve with moderator and clerk as a committee on arrangements.

10. Brethren R. Willmoth and E. D. Slate a committee on finance.

11. Brethren E. M. Goins and R. F. Cox a committee to distribute corresponding minutes.

12. Elders J. M. Royal, D. Collins and C. W. Stone was appointed to serve with the moderator and messengers of this church as a committee on preaching and they appointed:

Elders A. C. Key, J. F. Fulk, R. T. Monday, E. L. Tackett and J. W. Tuttle for Saturday,

Elders J. M. Williams, O. J. Denny, S. A. Thompson,

G. W. Hill and E. L. Tackett for Sunday.

13. Then adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Saturday. Preaching to begin at 10:00 A. M. each day.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1928, 9:00 A.M.

1. The business session of the association was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. O. Key.

2. Called the roll of messengers.

3. Called for the report of the committee on arrangements; their report received and committee discharged.

4. Read the rules of decorum and articles of faith.

5. Called for the report of correspondents; the report of those who attended was received and those who did not were excused.

6. On account of the controversy between New River and Zion, we took under consideration the propriety or impropriety of withholding correspondence with Zion for the time being, and after some discussion a vote was taken and a small majority voted to continue same; then it was made unanimous.

7. Then appointed correspondents as follows:

Mayo—Elders G.O. Key, F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed and Brethren J. F. Nunn, J. D. Key and W. L. Wood. Salem—Elders G. O. Key, J. M. Royal, Geo. Denny and F. P. Stone. Zion—Elders D. Collins, W. H. Atkinson, W. C. Brooks and J. S. Morrison. Mountain—Elders A. B. Key and J. W. Creed. Roaring River—Elders A.B. Key, W. H. Atkinson, R. H. Riggans and J. W. Creed. New River—Elder G. O. Key. Abbotts Creek—Elders J. W. Creed, J. M. Royal, J. S. Morrison and Bro. J. D. Key. Bear Creek—Elders J. W. Creed, J. M. Royal, J. W. Beasley and J. S. Morrison.

8. Received the report of the ordination of J. S. Anderson, and S. L. Arrington to the office of Deacon in Hollingsworth Grove church, also of Bro. R. S. Jones in Conners Grove church.

9. Agreed to O. K. the circular letter written by the clerk, but failed to have it with him.

10. The obituaries of Elders Gabriel Denny and H. D. Mickey were read, approved and ordered attached to these minutes, and the clerk was appointed to write the obituaries of Deacons W. A. Dunbar and J. L. Lowe and attach same to the minutes.

11. Elder Geo. Denny was appointed to write the next circular letter.

12. It is unanimously agreed to hold the next session of this association with the church at Ararat (known as Cedar Hill), four miles west of Pilot Mountain, Surry county, N. C., to convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1929, and continue for three days.

13. The clerk is ordered to have 1200 copies of minutes printed and distributed as usual.

14. It is unanimously agreed that we give our clerk the usual fee of $15.00 for his services.

15. Also agreed that we give our moderator $10.00.

16. The finance committee reported:

Received from the churches	$54.35
Balance in clerk's hands.	17.52
	$71.87
Paid for printing and postage.....	$35.00
Gave clerk.....	15.00
Gave moderator..	10.00
Stationery and postage..... ..	.30
Total.....	$60.30
Balance in clerk's hands.....	$11.57

17. The association voted unanimously to unite in giving thanks to God for preserving us to meet again and to thank the brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality shown in caring for this association.

18. Then adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

W. H. ATKINSON, MODERATOR, Round Peak, N. C.

F. P. STONE, CLERK, Francisco, N. C., R. 1.
G. J. KEY, ASSISTANT CLERK, Ararat, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY—J. A. Preston.....	Clerk failed to get text
M. P. Spencer.	
R. C. Martin.	
SATURDAY—A. C. Key.....	Text, John 10 : 16
J. F. Fulk	Text, Timothy 1 : 9
R. T. Monday.....	Text, Eccl. 3 : 15
E. L. Tackett	Text, John 3 : 6
J. W. Tuttle	Text, John 17 ch
SUNDAY—J. A. Fagg	No special subject
J. M. Williams.	
O. J. Denny.....	Text, Isa. 9 : 26
S. A. Thompson.....	Text, Rev. 20 : 6
G. W. Hill	No special subject

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association now in session with the church at Liberty, Surry Co., N. C.—To the churches composing her body and the Associations with which we correspond send greetings:

Dear Brethren: We will call your attention to the Epistle of Paul to Titus, 2 : 11 - 15. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

Now, brethren, the grace of God is unconditional on the part of man or woman, but if God has made his grace known to us it is the cause of the good fruit that grows on the good tree. I understand that grace is a favor that God has blessed his little children with here in this present world, and when you see brethren begin to devour one an-

other it is because there is no grace. Grace is the cause of God's children being able to look over one another for good. If we have the love of God in our hearts we have love also for our brethren and sisters who follow our Saviour in precept and example. God's humble children love good works, for God himself is the author and finisher of all good deeds. He is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. Then give all the glory to his holy name; to him all glory is due. Be yours the high pleasure to sound fourth his fame and crown him in each of your songs King of kings and Lord of all.

F. P. STONE.

OBITUARY

ELDER GABRIEL DENNY

Elder G. Denny was born Dec. 20, 1842, was married to Sarah D. B. Stone Jan. 14, 1868. To this union was born 14 children, eleven living to be grown. Beginning life as a young man coming home from the Civil War to help build up the country, as many others, he had what would be called in this day a hard time. Being a cripple made labor more burdensome, however, he was industrious and with the help of his good wife and later his children he was blessed to provide a good living. He served his churches and answered the calls to ministerial work in a very commendable way.

He joined Ararat church Nov., 1866, was licensed Sep., '68, ordained Dec., '69, served his home church 50 years as moderator, together with many others during this period. He baptized numbers of our good brethren and sisters, always manifesting a deep interest in the welfare of our churches. He enjoyed fairly good health up to a few weeks before his death. He was taken very ill, being confined until the end came. He was most tenderly cared for in his sickness, seeming to be much resigned to his departure. He passed away July 14, 1927, but his influence still lives and will be long remembered by the people in this section of the country, and a name that will sound familiar to our brethren and sisters for many years to come.

Written by

ELD. GEO. DENNY.

ELDER H. D. MICKEY

Having been asked by the association in session at Franklin church, 1927, to write the obituary of Elder H. D. Mickey, I make the attempt in compliance to the request feeling a deep sense of unfitness. Elder Mickey was born April 8, 1849, died May 5, 1927, age 78 years and 27 days. He was married to Miss Juliney Boyles Nov. 21, 1869, to this union was born seven children, three of which preceded him to the grave—two daughters and one son. His companion also died and left him to spend his last days without her. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Volunteer, Stokes county, N. C., in 1890, was ordained to the office of elder Dec. 17, 1893. He lived a consistent member until death. Strong in the faith and sound in doctrine, a man of moral habits, a good farmer, a good mechanic and provided well for his family, a good husband, father and citizen, and is badly missed by his children, churches and community in which he lived, all of which mourn his loss, but can surely say with Job: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Eld. Mickey was a man above the average in many respects; so we are glad to say the world has been made better by his good, kind and Godly life and we miss him everywhere, but console ourselves with the thought that our loss is his eternal gain. I was personally acquainted with him and esteemed him highly as a man, a Christian and an able preacher.

G. O. KEY.

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owens	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C	16
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, "	23
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, "	15
Contentnea	H. L. Blake	Rocky Mount, "	22
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	20
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C	25
Ketocton	Eld. C. W. Miller, Bx 1267,	Washington, D.C	18
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C	17
Mountain	J. M. Recter	Baywood, Va.	17
Mayo	Eld. S. A. Thompson	Stuart, Va.	25
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	25
Pig River	Eld. E L. Blankinship,	Boone Mill. Va.	20
Roaring River	J. D. Hall	Halls Mills, N. C	11
Silver Creek	T. H. Bently	Stanley, "	10
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	Kernersville, "	10
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, "	12
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitnell, Va.	17
Smiths River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.	20
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C	18
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill, "	16
Zion	A. M. Jennings	Galax, Va.	11

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Comers Rock	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Box 22, Mt. Airy, "	32
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	East Bend, "	25
Dover	J. M. Creed	White Plains, "	10
Fishers River	Geo. Wilson	White Plains, "	14
Fishers Gap	S. S. Lowe	Low Gap, "	30
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Round Peak, "	40
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	Siloam, "	35
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington	R. 1, Mt. Airy, "	25
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	Round Peak, "	18
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	Crutchfield, "	25
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell	Dobson, "	40
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	State Road, "	34
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Conners Grove	Elder J. W. Beasley, R. L. Jones and T. J. Gates	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	33	1.50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, J. R. Hall and M. M. Flinn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	27	2.00
Dover			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Fishers River	Geo. Wilson, Wesley Branch, Fred Hodge, B. Jenkins	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	16	1.60
Fishers Gap	R. S. Goodson, Mahlon Lowe and S. S. Lowe	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	35	1.50
Franklin	Elder R. H. Riggans, E. M. Goings and J. Glipsie	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	51	2.10
Hagans Creek	Joe Key, S. D. Key and S. Pender*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	1.50
Hollingsworth Grove	J. F. Anderson and Cephus Childress*	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	2.00
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall, L. B. Dunbar and John Creed*	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	19	2.00
Liberty	J. W. Pilson, R. S. Poindexter and H. Ashburn	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	1.00
Little Vine	J. D. Freeman, J. W. Haines and Elder W. C. Brooks	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	53	2.50
Mulberry	Lester Wood and A. B. Key	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	34	1.40
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman and P. H. Snow	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1.00
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, L. G. Tucker and J. P. Simmons*	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	45	3.00
Rock House	Elder D. Collins, E. E. Cox and T. R. Sams*	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	52	2.10
State Road	R. Wilmoth, Elder J. M. Royal and H. Stonestreet	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	40	2.25
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons, J. M. Hunter and J. H. Barnes*	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	4.25
Toms Creek	J. F. Nunn, A. D. Hunter and Sid Cook*	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	96	3.70
Stewarts Creek	Elder G. W. Harris, R. W. Mosley and T. A. Jones*	3	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	75	4.00
Union	G. F. Riddle, G. T. Jones and G. J. Key	4	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0		5.00
Volunteer	D. I. Bennett and Franklin Chandler*	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	1.55

*Absentees.

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October 25, 26 and 27, 1929

OFFICERS

ELDER F. P. STONE..... Moderator
Francisco, N. C., R. 1

G. J. KEY..... Clerk
Ararat, N. C.

ELDER GEO. DENNY....Assistant Clerk
Pilot Mountain, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

1: Service was introduced and introductory sermon preached by Eld. B. F. McKinney from UpperCountry Line Association. Text: 1st chapter of Timothy; 12th verse—"Be not ashamed of the affiliation of the gospel," etc. Then it not being time for intermission, and being cool for outdoor services, Elder C. M. Adams from Lower Country Line was called to the stand to preach. Text: Isa. 61st chapter, 1-4 verses—"The spirit of the Lord was upon me," etc.

2. After intermission the Association assembled in the house and was opened by song and prayer by Elder H. F. Hutchens from Black Creek Association.

3. Letters from the churches presented, read, received and messengers seated.

4. Elders R. L. Anderson From Mayo, L. I. Gilbert from Smith River, and J. M. Royal were sent to the stand to preach this afternoon.

5. Then the Association was organized by electing Elder F. P. Stone Moderator, G. J. Key Clerk and Elder Geo. Denny Asst. Clerk.

6. Called for correspondents as follows:

Roaring River (not represented).

Mayo—J. E. Hutchens. R. L. Anderson correspondents, W. J. Brown, J. S. Collins visitors.

Mountain (not represented).

Abbotts Creek—H. W. Johnson, Thomas Flinchum, Wm. Bennett.

Salem—L. V. Smith, Elder Geo. Hill, E. D. Tate, B. X. Linville.

Bear Creek (not represented).

Upper Country Line—Elder Keene, B. F. McKinney, visitors.

Lower Country Line—C. M. Adams messenger, Dillard Bumpass and D. Adams visitors.

Black Creek—Elder H. F. Hutchens visitor.

Smith River—Elder L. I Gilbert.

New Bethel Church, Chicago, Ill., Keen Spicler visitor.

Received files of minutes from Mill Branch, Bear Creek, Smith River, Mayo, Senter, Staunton River; Little River, Roaring River, White Oak, Pig River, Black Creek, New River, Kelukee, Ebeneczer, Salem, Ketocton, Mountain, Contentnea, Upper Country Line and Lower Country Line.

7. Called for Petitionary Letters. None received.

8. Appointed the Moderator and Clerk to make all appointments.

9. Appointed Geo. Denny, G. O. Key and D. Collins as Committee to serve with the Moderator and Clerk.

10. J. M. Hunter and Eld. J. W. Beasley, Committre on Finance

11. Robert Mosley and E. F Simmons, Committee to Distribute Minutes.

12. J. R. Hall, A. Q. Hunter and Joe Key to serve with the Moderator and Messengers of Ararat church, a Committee on Preaching

13. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Preaching service to begin at 10 o'clock Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, October 26, 1929, 9:00 A. M.

1 The business of the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder D. Collins.

2. Called roll of Messengers.

3. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. Their report received and committee discharged.

4. Read the Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

5. Called for report of Correspondents. Reports of those who attended were received, and those who did not were excused,

6. Due to a condition of unrest and dissatisfaction existing in Zion Association toward sister Associations, and unrest existing between Franklin church (of Fishers River Association) and Zion church (of Zion Association), it is agreed that we withhold correspondence from Zion Association for the time being.

7. Then appointed Correspondents as follows;

Mayo—Elders D. Collins, A. B. Key, G. O. Key and F. P. Stone.
Salem—Elders D. Collins, Geo. Denny, F. P. Stone, G. O. Key, C. W. Stone, J. D.Key and Brother W. L. Wood.
Roaring River—Elder R. H. Riggans.
Abbotts Creek—Elder J. D. Key and Brother W. L. Wood.
Bear Creek—Elders C.W. Stone and J. D, Key.
Upper C Line—Elders G. O.Key, A.B.Key, F.P. Stone, W.L.Wood
Lower Country Line—Elders G. O. Key and A. B. Key.
Smith River—Elders G. W. Harris, A. B. Key and Brethren W. L. Wood, and S. L. Arrington.

8. The circular letter was read and received and ordered attached to these minutes.

9. Appointed the Moderator to write the next circular letter.

10. Requested the churches to give date set apart for their communion meetings in next church letter to the association.

11. Called for report of finance committee. who reported as follows:

Received from the churches.....	..$62.85
Balance in clerk's hands.....	11.57
Total.....	74.42
Paid for printing and postage..	$35.00
Gave clerk.....	15.00
Gave moderator	10.00
Stationery and postage.....	.30
Total.....	$60.30
Balance in clerk's hands.....	$14.12

12. Appointed Elder G.O. Key to write an Obituary of W.J. Key, and ordered same to be attached to these minutes.

13. Changed the time for holding our Association to Friday, Saturday and Second Sunday in July.

14. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Volunteer, 2 miles east of Pilot Mountain, N. C.; to convene on Friday before the Second Sunday in July, 1930.

15, Requested the clerk to have 1200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed.

16. Agreed to give the moderator $10.00 and the clerk $15.00 or their services.

17. The Association voted unanimously to unite in giving thanks ro God for preserving us to meet again, and to thank the brethren, sisters and friends for kind a d generous hospitality in caring for this Association.

18. These minutes read and approved.

19. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed.

F. P. STONE, Moderator, Francisco, N C., R. 1
G. J. KEY, Clerk, Ararat, N. C.
ELD. GEO. DENNY, Asst. Clerk, Pilot Mt'n, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY—(Clerk failed to get texts.)
R. L. Anderson
L. I. Gilbert
J. M, Royal

SATURDAY—
F. W. Keene—Text Exodus 33:21
H. F. Hutchens—Text Luke 4:25
A. C. Key—Text Luke 1:13
W. J. Brown—Text Eph. 2:1
J. A. Fagg—Text Matt. 12:50

SUNDAY—
C. M. Anderson—Text II Pet. 1:1-8
B. F. McKinney—Text Luke 15.....
S. A. Thompson—Text Acts 9:3
G. W. Hill—Text Psalms 78:41
O. J. Denny—I James 1:15-18
F. P. Stone—No special text

CIRCULAR LETTER

Being appointed to write a circular letter for the next term of the Fishers River Association, will first say that I realize a keen sense of my inability. Though however reluctant I may feel, I will try to conform to the wishes of my brethren.

I will try to refer to Deut 29:29— "Secret things belong unto the Lord, but revealed things unto us and our children." We believe that the Lord revealed unto his chosen subjects what to write and what the church should know while in this world. There are many things that are beyond our comprehension, and when we try to fathom the secrets that belong unto the Lord the result is always a failure and discontentment, vain jangling may grow out of this state of mind. The Psalmist said: "How good and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity;" and we sometimes feel that when the church meets and the Lord reveals his love to them, that this is one of the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and we are blessed to hear the gospel preached, and in this way the humble poor are built up and strengthened through the revelation of his pardoning love. The children of God are poor in spirit, and it's through the revealed knowledge of his loving kindness that we have hope of eternal life. We often remember the expression of Paul, saying, if in this life only we had hope we would be of all men most miserable, but we are looking forward to a time when our wearried hands will lay down all earthly tools, and the discontentment and sadness that we are so prone to here will take its departure to never return and we will enter the Paradise of God to dwell with the blood-washed throng that John saw which no man could number coming up out of great tribulation. When we see him we will be like him and will be satified.

Pilot Mountain, N. C., Oct. 29, 1929. ELD. GEO. DENNY.

OBITUARY

ELDER W. J KEY

William J. Key was born April 29, 1840. and died December 29, 1928; making his stay on earth 88 years and 8 months. He was married to Sarah J. Key November 28, 1867; and to this union were born twelve children. five of whom preceded him in death, being survived by his wife, one son and six daughters.

He joined the Primitive Baptist church in November, 1887; Was

ordained deacon soon after, and later licensed to the ministry. He lived a consistent member, always filling his seat until age and disability rendered him unable to attend church. About ten or twelve years ago his eyes failed him and he remained nearly blind the remainer of his days. Thus deprived of so much of the joy of living, yet he remained steadfast in the faith of our Lord and Master

While we feel our loss, we feel that it is his eternal gain and trust we are resigned to the will of the Lord who giveth and who taketh away.

Written by G. O. KEY.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

G. O. Key..... Pilot Moantain, N. C.
W. H. Atkinson..... R. 1, Round Peak, N. C.
J. M. Royal .... Thurmond, N. C.
J. S Purtle ....Kernersville, N. C.
P. P. Stone..... .....R 1, Francisco, N. C.
Geo. Denny..... .....Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. W. Creed..... ..... R 1, Ararat, N. C.
D. Collins..... .....R 2, Pinnacle, N. C.
R. H. Riggans ....Mount Airy, N. C
J. C. Dunbar.....R 4, Mount Airy N. C.
J. W. Beasley..... .....R 5, Mount Airy, N. C.
J. S. Morrison..... R 1, Mount Airy, N. C.
G. W. Harris.....R. 3, Mount Airy, N. C.
C. W Stone..... .....R. 1. Rockford, N. C.
W. C. Brooks ..... R 1, Dobson, N. C.
A. B. Key ....R. 1 Rusk, N. C.
Charlev Adams .....R. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C

LICENTIATES

J. D. Key..... ..... 408 Cleveland Ave., Winston-Salam, N. C.

CHURCHES AND MODERATORS

Ararat ....Elder Geo. Denny
Boyles Chapel..... .....S. H. Reid
Conners Grove .... J. W. Beasley
Deep Creek .... R. H. Riggans
Dover..... ....
Fishers River..... ....J. W. Beasley—R. H. Riggans
Fishers Gap ....W. C. Brooks
Franklin ....W. H. Atkinson
Hagans Creek ....
Hollingsworth Grove..... .... R. L. Anderson
Laurel Springs ....Jas. W. Creed
Liberty ....Jas. W. Creed
Little Vine . ... W. C. Brooks, W. H. Atkinson
Mulberry .....C. W. Stone
Mitchells River..... . ...R. H. Riggans
Pilot Mountain ....G. O. Key, Geo. Denny
Rock House.. .... D. Collins
State Road ....J. M. Royal, W. C. Brooks
Stoney Creek..... .....F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek..... ..... G. O. Key, J. C. Dunbar
Toms Creek..... ..... F. P. Stone
Union ....Jas. W. Creed, C. W. Stone, J. C. Dunbar
Volunteer .... Eld. C. W. Stone

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owens	R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.	15
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, "	24
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, "	22
Contentnea	H. L. Blake	Rocky Mount, "	24
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	14
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, "	39
Ketocton	Eld. C. W. Miller, Bx 1267,	Washington, D.C.	21
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	19
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	17
Mayo	Eld. S. A. Thompson	Stuart, Va.	30
New River	Eld. J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	30
Pig River	Eld. E. L. Blankenship,	Boonemill, Va.	27
Roaring River	J. D. Hall	Halls Mills, N. C.	15
Silver Creek	T. H. Bently	Stanley, "	10
Salem	J. H. McKaughan	Kernersville, "	11
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, "	15
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va.	18
Smiths River	Eld. J. D. Cockram	Stuart, Va.	21
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C.	19
White Oak	Eld. Isaac Jones	Maple Hill, "	16

Churches, Clerks, Post Offices, and No. of Minutes Each

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. M n
Ararat	Eld. Geo. Denny,	Pilot Mt., N. C.	30
Boyles Chapel	W. A. Palmer	R. 1, King, "	35
Conners Grove	T. J. Gates	R. 2, Box 22, Mt. Airy, "	25
Deep Creek	J. D. Spencer	East Bend, "	25
Dover	J. M. Creed	White Plains, "	10
Fishers River	G. W. Wilson	White Plains, "	10
Fishers Gap	S. S. Lowe	Low Gap, "	30
Franklin	E. M. Goings	Bolton, "	50
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	R 1Siloam, "	35
Hollingsworth Grove	S. L. Arrington	R. 2, Mt. Airy, "	25
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall	Round Peak, "	18
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter	Crutchfield. "	20
Little Vine	Jacob Mitchell	Dobson, "	50
Mulberry	J. M. Eldridge	State Road, "	30
Mitchells River	J. A. Coleman	Dobson, "	12
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets	Pilot Mountain, "	40
Rock House	R. F. Cox	R. 1, Wesfield, "	40
State Road	W. F. Nixon	R. 2, State Road, "	35
Stoney Creek	E. F. Simmons	R. 1, Mt. Airy, "	40
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley	R. 3, Mt. airy, "	65
Toms Creek	J. F. Nunn	R. 1, Pilot Mountain, "	82
Union	G. J. Key	Ararat, "	71
Volunteer	L. G. Tucker	Pinnacle, "	20

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers and Pastors	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Ararat	J. M. Jones, Geo. Denny, J. D. Key	2	1	1	6	..	1	..	..	1	33	$ 2.00
Boyles Chapel	J. P. Slaughter, W. S. Denny, W. A. Palmer	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	39	6.50
Conners Grove	T. J. Gates, J. W. Beasley, Alex Gammons	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	30	1.50
Deep Creek	J. H. Spencer, J. R. Hall, M. M. Flinn	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	2.00
Dover		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
Fishers River	Wesley Branch, Burley Johnson, Geo. Wilson	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	12	1.00
Fishers Gap	Sammie Lowe, Mahlon Lowe, Burley Lowe	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	31	1.55
Franklin	R. H. Riggans, E. M. Goings	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	53	1.00
Hagans Creek	Joe Key	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	37	1.25
Hollingsworth G.	S. L. Arrington, C. Childress, J. F. Anderson	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	2.50
Laurel Springs	C. T. Hall, L. B. Dunbar, John Creed	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	20	2.00
Liberty	R. S. Poindexter, J. Pilson, Hubert Ashburn	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23	1.00
Littie Vine	W. C. Brooks, J. D. Freeman, White Dillard	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	57	2.50
Mulberry	Lester Wood, Oscar Key, A. B. Key	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	32	1.50
Mitchells River	P. H. Snow, J. A. Coleman	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	1.20
Pilot Mountain	G. O. Key, J. H. Sheets, J. W. Simmons	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	44	6.00
Rock House	R. F. Cox, D. Collins, W. C. King	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	52	1.85
State Road	J. M. Royal, W. F. Nixon	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	39	2.50
Stoney Creek	E. E. Simmons, J. F. Joyce, J. M. Hunter	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	42	4.65
Stewarts Creek	T. A. Jones, R. M. Stoneman, G. W. Harris	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	77	4.00
Toms Creek	J. F. Nunn, A. Q. Hunter	4	2	..	5	2	..	1	..	2	103	5.50
Union	G. T. Jones, G. F. Riddle, G. J. Key	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	95	6.00
Volunteer	D. I. Bennett	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	2.10

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MINUTES

Special Session Of

Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association

We, the Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association convened with the church at Pilot Mountain in Special Session on Feb. 21st., 1934 and transacted business as follows, viz:

First: Introduced by song and prayer by Elder George Denny.

Second: Called the roll of churches and messengers were seated as follows, viz:

Ararat: L. D. Denny, C. W. Key, P. L. Ashburn.
Boyles Chapel: W. A. Palmer, J. P. Slawter, W. S. Denny.
Deep Creek:
Hogan's Creek: Joe Key, (Proxy).
Hollingsworth Grove:
Laurel Springs: C. T. Hall, U. S. Southern.
Liberty: J. W. Pilson, C. H. Parker.
Mulberry: J. C. Dunbar. (Proxy).
Mitchel's River: P. H. Snow.
Pilot Mtn.: J. W. Simmons, J. H. Sheets.
Rock House: E. E. Cox, J. E. Tilley, C. L. Slawter.
State Road: W. T.Nixon, J. H. Stonestreet, R. G. Royal.
Stony Creek: E. T. Simmons, J. T. Joyce, J. M. Hunter.
Stewart's Creek: G. W. Harris, R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones.
Tom's Creek: A. Q. Hunter, J. E. Hunter, Y. W. Simmons.
Union: J. C. Dunbar, G. J. Key, S. J. Badgett.
Volunteer: L. G. Tucker, J. F. Sisk, J. F. Bowman.

Third: Reasons for calling this Special Session was outlined by the Moderator.

Fourth: Moved and carried that a committee of five deacons be appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk to draw an answer to charges made by Elder S. T. Atkinson, and complete item six in our last Minute. Hear the plea of members of Little Vine Church and other matters that may come before them and that the Moderator make the appointments, and the following brethren were appointed, viz: W. A. Palmer, L. D. Denny, D. P. Pilson, C. T. Hall, J. E. Jones.

Fifth: Called for report of committee, their report read as follow, viz:

1st: We denounce the association letter written by Elder S. T. Atkinson and published in their Minute of Oct. 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1933 to be untrue in part and misleading as a whole as to references made to the work of our association, wherein he charges that we preched Elder J. A. Fagg over the protest of Elder R. S. Smith and himself, the fact being that Elder S. T. Atkinson refused to preach with Elder Fagg and said Elder Smith also refused to preach with him, but Elder Smith did not speak. We deny that his refusal to preach with Elder Fagg was in the form of a protest, but was handed to us as a flat refusal, and in such a way as to throw the association in confusion, and did not put the association under obligation to take action on his refusal. We refer to item nine of Friday's proceeding of Fishers River Association of 1912 repealing the action of 1904 giving all Elders of the association seats in the association, and add that Elder S. T. Atkinson was not a messenger, but was granted speech and was heard more often than any member of the association.

2nd.: We deny the faction that withdrew from us the right to use the name Fishers River Primitive Baptist Association.

3rd.: That we amend item six, Friday's proceedings in our 1933 Minute as follows: That we extend an invitation to the brethren of the Sister Association with whom we formerly corresponded to visit us and preach with us, but we will not recognize factions that have withdrawn from their association.

4th.: Correct error made by printer in our 1933 Minutes Circular letter. 6th line to read reject instead of respect.

5th.: That we formally withdraw from Fishers River, Fishers Gap, Franklin and Little Vine Churches, due to their having lined up with and becoming part of an independent association.

6th.: That we accept the petitionery letter from Little Vine signed by thirty-three members and receive them as a member of our association and recognize them as Little Vine Church.

Sixth: The recommendations of the committee were adopted with only one person (J. C. Dunbar) dissenting.

Seventh: Read the petitionery letter from Little Vine.

Eighth: Moved and carried that we have printed 250 copies of this work and one copy mailed to each minister of the associations with whom we have formerly been in correspondence and ask them to have read at their conference meetings.

Ninth: Dismissed in order.

F. P. Stone, Moderator,
G. J. Key, Clerk.

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MINUTES

Of The

118th Annual Session

Of The

FISHERS RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

THE CHURCH AT LIBERTY

Surry County, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

July 7, 8 and 9, 1950

OFFICERS:

ELDER F. P. STONE ..... Moderator
R. F. D. No. 2, Dobson, North Carolina

G. J. KEY ..... Clerk
Ararat, North Carolina

FRANK R. STONE ..... Assistant Clerk
7-A Southway Road, Greenbelt, Maryland

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, July 7th, 1950

1st. Service was opened by song and prayer by Eld. Edd Douglas and introductory sermon preached by Eld. F. P. Stone. Text used 2nd and part of 3rd verse of 43rd. Chapt. Isaiah.

2nd. After an hour intermission, assembled in the house and the work of the association was introduced by song and prayer by Elder Grover Flippin.

3rd. Appointed Elders Edd Priddy, M. O. Stephens and Watt Tuttle to preach at the stand.

4th. Called for and received letters for the churches constituting the association. Letters read, received and messengers seated.

5th. Elected Eld. F. P. Stone Moderator; G. J. Key, Clerk, and Frank R. Stone, Assistant Clerk.

6th. Called for petitionary letter. None received.

7th. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations with response as follows, viz:

Abbotts Creek, C. B. Owens and Eld. D. P. Broadway, Messengers.

Mountain, Elder Edd Douglas, Messenger.

Roaring River, Troy Miller and W. C. Hall, Eld. C. D. Hall, Visitor.

Upper Mayo, Elds. W J. Brown, L. J. Martin, R. L. Rogers Correspondents; Elds. Edd Priddy, J. W. Tuttle, M. H. Vaden, and others, Visitors.

Saint Claires Bottom, Minutes.

Senter, Eld. G. D. Roten, Cor., Colin and Edd Senter, Visitors.

Correspondents and Visitors seated.

Washington, Hall Hankins, Visitor.

8th. Appointed the Moderator to make all appointments as follows:

Committee on Finance, Bros., Leslie Mosley, W. E. Thomas, Walter Rogers.

Committee to distribute corresponding minutes, S. R. Gillispie, E. H. Taylor.

Committee on preaching, T. M. Simpson, and J. E. Simmons to act with Moderator and Messengers of this church.

Committee on arrangements, G. L. Flippin, George Berrier, L. N. Stewart to act with the Moderator and Clerk.

9th. Called for report of committee appointed to handle sale of Hogans Creek property. They report old house sold for $15.00, $3.00 of which was paid for surveying the church lot and $12.00 paid to Mr. Sid Fulk to add to their building fund.

10. This Minute read and received.

11. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:30 for association work and 10.00 o'clock for preaching.

Saturday Morning, July 8th, 1950

1st. Service was introduced by song and prayer by Elder W. J. Brown.

2nd. Called roll of Messengers.

3rd. Called for Correspondents and Visitors from Sister Associations who were not here yesterday, names recorded and Correspondents and Visitors seated.

4th. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. they recommend as follows, viz:

a. That circular letter written by Eld. G. L. Flippin be attached to this minute.

b. That Eld. F. P. Stone write our next circular letter.

c. That we have 1200 copies of this minute printed and distributed among our churches and correspondents.

d. That constitution, articles of faith and rules of decorum be printed in this minute.

e. Obituary of Elder Geo. Denny be attached to this minute.

f. The Circular Letter by Elder G. L. Flippin be attached to the Minute.

g. That next association be held with the church at Volunteer, beginning Friday before Second Sunday in July 1951. Two miles southeast of Pilot Mountain, N. C.

5th. The work of the committee on arrangements approved and they were discharged.

6th. Called for report of committee on finance. They report received from churches $246.15 and committee discharged.

7th. On motion agreed to give to Moderator $25.00, Clerk $25.00, and to Assistant Clerk, $25.00.

8th. Called for report of correspondents who took appointments to visit sister associations, their reports heard and they were discharged.

9th. Appointed correspondents to visit sister associations as follows, viz:

Abbotts Creek: Elds. J. G. Fulk, F. P. Stone, Brother J. E. Jones

Mountain: Elds. J. G. Fulk, J. M. Edwards and F. P. Stone

Upper Mayo: Elds. J. M. Edwards, F. P. Stone, G. L. Flippin and Brother Frank R. Stone.

Roaring River: Elds J. M. Edwards, J. G Fulk, Geo. Berrier.

Senter: Elds. J. G. Fulk, G. L. Flippin.

Saint Claires Bottom: Elds. J. G. Fulk and J. M. Edwards.

10th. Appointed Brethren Brady Pilson, Frank R. Stone and T. M. Simpson, a committee to distribute funds to visiting Elders.

11th. Passed resolution of thanks to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for caring for this Association.

12. This Minute read and approved.

13. Dismissed by song and prayer by Eld. F. P. Stone.

F. P. STONE, Moderator
G. J. KEY, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING

Elder F. P. Stone—Text, Isaiah 43-2nd and part of 3rd verses.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

M. O. Stephens—Failed to get text.
Edd Priddy—Text Second Timothy 4-2
J. Watt Tuttle—First Cor. 1-30

SATURDAY MORNING

G. W. Wood—Failed to get text.
C. D. Hall—Text, Daniel, weighed in balance and found wanting
Millard Vaden—Failed to get text.
Sam Atkins—Failed to get text.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Bernie Leonard—For the Son of man came to save & etc
Elder Douglas—Hebrew 12-29
D. P. Broadway—Failed to get text.
J. G. Fulk—No text used.

SUNDAY MORNING

Robert Rogers—Second Peter, 3rd Chap. 9th. V.
Eddie Martin—No text used.
G. L. Flippin—No text used.
Matt Edwards—Failed to get text.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

W. J. Brown—Matthew 16-18
G. D. Roten—Deuteronomy 32: 1-2
F. P. Stone—No text used.

Financial Report

Received from churches		$246.15
Balance in Clerk's hands		108.00
Total		354.15
Gave Moderator	$25.00	
Gave Clerk	25.00	
Gave Assistant Clerk	25.00	
Paid for Printing Minutes	58.00	
Gave Visiting Elders	95.00	
Balance in Clerk's Hands	126.15	
		$354.15

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the brethren and sisters of the Fishers River Association and its kindred in like precious faith.

Having been appointed by the Association to write this letter I would like to use the words of Jesus, where he said to his deciples, take heed that ye be not deceived for many shall come in my name saying I am Christ. In this we receive a warning that not all that come in His name teach His doctrine. Neither do all that preach in the spirits power teach after the truth, but after the evil spirit and mind of man.

And this ever has wrought destruction in individual churches and Associations. For God is not mocked if we saw to the spirit of evil we will also reap the reward of it which is destruction. But if we suffer with Him who suffered for us and made us partakers of the joys of His resurrection, we with Him rejoiced in the wonders of God's everlasting love.

And He saved us and called us with a Holy calling that we shew forth His long suffering and patience to the praise of His glory among the children of men. For the truth of the gospel works more than one way when used in a pure mind, for it saves the believer from being entangled with seducing spirits and leaves the nonbelievers without an excuse before God. And brethren, it is my hearts desire and prayer to God that He might lead us in such a way that we continue to live together, shewing forth the faith by our works. That we seek a Heavely home, where there is no place for deception nor the many things that beset us on our uneven journey here. Now may the amazing love and saving grace of God be with all those that fear and trust His name.

Your unworthy Brother in hope of life eternal.

G. L. FLIPPIN

OBITUARY—Elder George Denny

Elder George Denny, son of C. B. and Ellen Gardner Denny, was born March 7th, 1873, departed this life Jan. 7, 1950, age 76 years, 10 months. On February 11th, 1894 he was married to Lucy Ann Key. To this union eight children were born. Bernice, Brim, Lela, Hattie, Oscar, Clayton, Aubry and Gray, all surviving.

On January 27, 1918 death entered his home and took the dear wife and mother from them.

On March 16th, 1922 he was united in marriage to Amanda L. Denny. To this union was born one son Claude R. Denny, who survives.

April 24, 1924 she was called away by death.

On February 11th, 1925 he was married to Irene May Ashburn and to this union was born two sons Weldon B. and Wayne T.

Denny. Mother and sons survive.

Elder Denny was reared on the farm near the old Pilot Mountain, and after his first marriage settled on or near the old Ararat River where he proved to be a successful farmer and provided well for his family and plenty for his friends and brethren that visited his home. He professed a hope and joined the church at Ararat (Cedar Hill) was soon liberated to exercise his gift as a minister, and on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in December, 1905 was ordained an Elder in his church, and his life, and ministerial work, proved him worthy of the title.

His gift made room for him wherever he went. He was faithful to his churches, loyal to his brethren and friends.

His love for the church, devotion to his family and humanity will be remembered by those who knew him.

How gentle was the stroke devine.
Which bowed his head in death.
How peaceful did his soul resign
His friends, his life, his breath.

Written in compliance to his church.

ELDER F. P. STONE

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in only the one true and living God, who rules all things after His own will; and that He, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness, eternal immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, and that these three are one; and that there are three that bear witness in earth —The water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II. Of Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction; in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III. Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever does now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth His praise.

Article IV. Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) of whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to conform to the image of His Son; that God elect-

ed according to His foreknowledge, through santification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptable and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for all true Saints; and that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time calls to everlasting Glory.

Article V. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX. We believe the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subject of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement.

Article XII. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be open and closed with prayer.

II. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.

IV. The presence thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator, until he is done speaking.

V. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter, as near as he can, so as to convey his idea.

VI. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without leave from it.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

VIII. No members of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor of whispering in time of a public speech.

IX. No members of the Association shall address another in any appelation other than that of Brother.

X. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking 'till he gives light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

XI. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association thinks proper.

XII. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.

XIII. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproven by the Association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the Association.

II. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last Association. These facts are to be expressed only in the letters to the fall Association.

III. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches in the union.

IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

V. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

VI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

VII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

VIII. Every query presented, by any member in the Association, shall be received and answered according to the scriptures.

IX. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by he who made it.

X. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the pro-

ceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk appointed by the Association.

XI. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

XII. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the Association may think proper.

XIII. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

XIV. The Association shall have power (1) to provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the Association; (5) To appoint any member or members, by all with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) To admit any of our distant brethren into the Association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting if it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time or place which they may think convenient to the churches in this union.

Ordained Ministers

George Berrier ..... Route 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. W. Creed ..... Route 1, Ararat, N. C.
J. W. Cruise ..... Hillsville, Va.
Jesse Collins ..... Pilot Mountain, N. C.
J. M. Edwards ..... 526 Willard St., Martinsville, Va.
J. G. Fulk ..... Route 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
G. L. Flippin ..... Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Coy Hawks ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.
James Hill ..... Route 1, King, N. C.
R. H. Riggan ..... Roanoke, Va.
F. P. Stone ..... Route 2, Dobson, N. C.
Nelson Stewart ..... Thomasville, N. C.
D. E. Wood ..... Route 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.
H. B. Thomas ..... 125 East View St., Galax, Va.

Licentiates

Jasper Easter ..... Mt. Airy, N. C.
John W. Hudson ..... Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Key ..... Carthage, N. C.
L. F. Holder ..... Route 1, King, N. C.

Churches and Their Pastors

Ararat (Cedar Hill) ..... W. J. Brown
Boyles' Chapel ..... J. F. Hill
Chestnut Grove ..... J. R. Cruise, G. P. Lyons
Deep Creek ..... L. J. Martin
Hogans Creek ..... F. P. Stone
Little Vine ..... R. H. Riggan, G. L. Flippin, J. M. Edwards
Liberty ..... L. J Martin, James W. Creed, R. H. Riggan
Mulberry ..... F. P. Stone, Mat Edwards, Coy Hawks
Mitchell's River ..... Nelson Stewart, D. E. Wood
Pilot Mountain ..... Fletcher Beasley, Jesse Collins
Pleasant Grove ..... C. D. Hall
Rock House ..... M. H. Vaden, Fletcher Beasley
Stony Creek ..... F. P. Stone
Stewarts Creek ..... J. G. Fulk, G. L. Flippin, J. R. Cruise
Sandy Ridge ..... J. R Cruise
Tom's Creek ..... R. L. Rogers
Union ..... F. P. Stone, J. W. Creed, Fletcher Beasley
Volunteer ..... W. J. Brown
Zion Hill ..... G. L. Flippin, D. E. Wood

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCH CLERKS

CHURCHES CLERKS P. O. NO. MIN.

Ararat (Cedar Hill): J. E. Simmons, Rt. 1, Pilot Mountain, N. C. ..50
Boyles' Chapel: E. H Taylor, Rt .1, Germanton, N C. 65
Chestnut Grove: G. P. Lyons, Mt. Airy, N. C. 90
Deep Creek: J. H. Spencer, Rt. 1, East Bend, N. C. 30
Hogan's Creek: Katie Eads, Rt. 1, Siloam, N. C. 15
Little Vine: S. R. Gillispie, Dobson, N. C. 100
Liberty: J. E Poindexter, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 25
Mulberry: O. B. Key, Rt. 1, Elkin, N. C. 30
Mitchell's River: Fannie Southard, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C. 30
Pilot Mountain: J. H. Sheets, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 40
Pleasant Grove: H. E. Johnson, East Bend, N. C. 40
Rock House: W. R. Coins, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 50
Stony Creek: E. F. Simmons, Rt. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 60
Stewart's Creek: R. W. Mosley, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, N. C. 100
Sandy Ridge: A. M. Hawks, Rt. 5, Box 215, Mt. Airy, N. C. 60
Tom's Creek: L. L. Love, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 100
Union: G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C. 110
Volunteer: R. L. Nelson, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 80
Zion Hill: W. E. Thomas, 409 Givens St., Galax, Va. 40

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Abbott's Creek Union: T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 15
Mountain: Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C. 20
Roaring River: A. T. Whittington, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 10
Senter: W. W Miller, Clifton, N. C. 15
Saint Claire's Botton: Eld.. C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, W. Va. 10
Upper Mayo: J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th St., W.-Salem, N. C. .. 25

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Last Assn. Held	Com. Month	Sunday or Meet.	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd. by Exp.	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Ararat (Cedar Hill)	Walter Rogers, J. E. Simmons, Sis. Emma Key	1949	May	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	15.00
Boyles Chapel	J. I. Lawson, W. A. Palmer, W. S. Denny	1947	May	1	1	1	6	2	0	0	0	1	52	15.00
Chestnut Grove	T. B. Thomas, Eld. George Berrier, G. P. Lyons	1946	Aug.	4	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	2	77	7.15
Deep Creek	Coy Flippin, G. K. Murphy, J. H. Spencer	1943	Aug	2	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	20	6.00
Hogans Creek	Sisters Vicie Fulk and Nancie Rachels	1933											3	2.00
Little Vine	M. S. Freeman, S. R. Gillispie, J. D. White	1940	Aug.	2	1	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	80	20.00
Liberty	Brady Pilson, Jule Marion, Malroy Crissman	1928	Sept.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	17	6.00
Mulberry	O. B. Key, Sisters Bettie Reavis and Lucy Key	1938	Aug.	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	17.00
Mitchells River	G. W. Creed, Nelson Stuart, Coy Stuart	1937	Aug.	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	5.00
Pilot Mountain	J. H. Sheets, Sam Frye, Colie Venable	1935	Aug.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	21	10.00
Pleasant Grove	H. E. Johnson, Johnnie Spencer, Sis. Alice Johnson	1941	June	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	12.00
Rock House	C. L. Slawter, E. E. Cox, W. R. Coins	1942	Sept.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	6.00
Stony Creek	E. F. Simmons, W. C. Hiatt, R. F. Joyce	1931	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	20.00
Stewarts Creek	R. W. Mosley, J. E. Jones, J. F. Anderson	1936	Sept.	1	3	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	69	22.00
Sandy Ridge	P. L. Hawks, J. B. Easter, Cleaver Hawks	1948	Aug.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	49	6.00
Tom's Creek	Y. W. Simmons, L. L. Love, Glenn Hunter	1944	June	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	73	17.50
Union	T. M. Simpson, S. J. Badgett, S. C. Mosley	1939	July	4	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	2	79	27.50
Volunteer	Raymond Smith, R. L. Nelson, L. G. Tucker	1930	June	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	65	20.00
Zion Hill	Arthur Combs, W. E. Thomas, H. B. Thomas	1945	July	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	12.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Union Church

SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

JULY 9, 10, and 11

1971

Next session convenes with Little Vine Church, located approximately 2 miles west of Dobson, on the Mountain Park Road (Kapp Street), Friday, July 7, 1972.

OFFICERS:

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Proceedings

Of the One Hundred Thirty-Ninth Annuol Session of the Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Church ot Union, Rt. 2, Dobson, Surry County, North Corolino, July 9, 10 and 11th, 1971.

Services were introduced at the outdoor stand with song and prayer by Elder Coy Sykes. Hymn: Amazing Grace. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Willie Branch. (Text: Romans 10:1).

After intermission, services were introduced by Elder Lester Barker of the Washington Association by song and proyer. (Hymn: Not to Control the Church of God).

The formal organization of the Association and the business of the Association occurred as follows:

1. Colled for letters from the Churches of the Associotion. All Churches of the Association presented letters.

2. The Moderator directed the Clerk to read the letters from the several Churches. Each letter was read.

3. A motion was made, seconded and approved thot the letters be received and the messengers be seated as the Association.

4. The churches called upon Elder J. H. Hill to serve as Moderator Pro-Tem for the purpose of electing the officers of the Association. Elder Hill assumed the post and inquired os to how the Association wanted to elect its officers.

5. A motion was made, seconded ond approved unanimously that the Association elect its Moderator and Clerk by secret ballot as it had in the past.

6. The Moderator Pro-Tem appointed o committee of three to receive and tabulate the ballot. Elders Barker, Bowman and Stevens agreed to serve.

7. The Moderator Pro-Tem then directed the clerk to call the names of the messengers of the several churches to come forward and whisper their choice for Moderator and Clerk to the committee. As each church was called, messengers or alternates came forward and whispered the names of their choice. The committee announced the officers chosen by the Association.

Moderator ..... Elder Coy Sykes
Clerk ..... Corroll Gardner

8. The committee's work finished, it was dissolved and Elder Coy Sykes was asked to come forward to serve as Moderator for the Association. Brother Sykes expressed his thanks to the Association for the continued confidence of the Association. He expressed his hope that we could continue to pray together. He asked that we work to keep the peace. The clerk expressed his appreciation also.

9. The Moderator inquired as to whether the Association desired an assistant Moderator and/or Clerk. There was no move or suggestion that the Association elect assistant officers.

10. Elder Manie Stevens and Elder Raymond Smith were asked to serve the Association at the stand.

11. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. There was none.

12. The Moderator called for the reports of correspondents visiting corresponding Associations:

(a) Visiting the **Washington Association,** correspondents reported being seated, finding everything in peace and being treated cordially and well. All enjoyed their welcome and fellowship.

(b) Visiting the **Roaring River Association,** correspondents reported being seated and finding everything in peace. All enjoyed the Association.

(c) Visiting the **Piney Grove Association,** correspondents reported a wonderful Association. They were seated, treated well and found everything in peace. All enjoyed the Association.

13. A motion wos made, seconded and approved to receive the reports of the correspondents and to excuse those unable to attend.

14. Called for correspondent from corresponding Associations:

(a) From **Washington Association:** Elder Lester Barker, Deacon Elbert Hess, Elder Raymond Smith, Brother Ben Blevins, Deacon Quincey Dancey, Deacon Herbert Honaker.

(b) From **Roaring River Association:** Elder Raleigh Joines, Deacon Clarence Hall.

(c) From **Piney Grove Association:** Elder Ray Flinchum, Elder Fred Slate, Deocon Moir Flippen, Deacon Sanders Shelton.

At the conclusion of the call for correspondents, each of our visiting correspondents were asked to come forward to receive the welcome of the Association and the right hand of fellowship. All came forward, were welcomed and received.

15. Called for visitors:

(a) From **Washington Association:** Brother Foster Honaker, Deacon W. B. Church, Deacon Henry Church, Sister Smith (Elder Raymond Smith's wife).

(b) From **Roaring River Association:** Brother Wayne Reeves, Sister Edna Reeves, Brother Troy Miller, Sister Gladys Miller, Sister Edna Joines.

(c) From **Piney Grove Association:** Sister Claudia Flippen, Brother George Flippen, Sister Eddie Flippen, Sister Ruth Joyce, Sister Eva A. Slate, Sister Addie Shelton.

Visitors were extended a cordial welcome.

16. A motion was made and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary committee appointments. The motion was approved. The following committee appointments were made by the Moderator:

(a) **Committee on Arrangements** (to serve with officers of the Association): Elder H. J. Hill, Deacon Ray Mosley, Deacon J. H. Keaton.

(b) **Finance Committee:** Deacon Brady Pilson, Deacon Raymond Coins, Elder Walden Stockner.

(c) **Preaching Committee** (to serve with messengers of Union Church): Deacon Vestal Jones, Deacon Cleaver Hawks, Deacon E. H. Taylor.

17. The Minute of the Day was read and approved by motion, second and vote. The work of the day was closed by song and prayer at the stand.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1971

Before the second day's session was begun, services were introduced by song and prayer by Elder Raleigh Joines (Hymn: A Few More Years Shall Roll).

18. Called the roll of the churches. All messengers, or alternates representing messengers absent, were present except one.

19. Called for correspondents not present on Friday:

(a) From **Washington Association:** Elder F. O. Sanders, Elder Victor Church.

(b) From **Roaring River Association:** Deacon Carl Francis, Deacon Jim Richardson.

(c) From **Piney Grove Association:** Elder John Calhoun, Elder Drew Mabe.

20. Called for visitors from corresponding Associations not present Friday:

(a) From **Washington Association:** *Sister Violet Blevins, *Sister Jo Ann Sturgill.

(b) From **Rooring River Association:** Sister Mae Richardson, Sister Faye Garris.

(c) From **Piney Grove Association:** Sister Lelia Collins, Brother Clyde Priddy, Brother Zack Wood.

21. All correspondents and visitors reporting on the second day of the session were asked to come forward to receive the right hand of fellowship and welcome.

*Sister Ben Blevins and Sister Jo Ann Sturgill were received by profession of faith at the stand and were baptized on Sunday, the last day of the session in Fisher's River.

22. The Finance Committee was asked to commence its work.

23. Called for the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

24. Report of the Committee on Arrangements:

(a) We recommend that the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum, The Constitution and The Covenant be printed in our Minutes.

(b) We recommend that Little Vine Church host the next session of the Association.

(c) We recommend that the Moderator and the clerk receive honorariums of $25.00 each.

(d) We recommend that the clerk have 500 copies of the Minute be printed and distributed.

(e) We recommend that the Association adopt a Resolution of Thanks to God for His abundant and wonderful blessings and that the Association express its thanks to the brothers, sisters and kind friends for taking care of the Association.

(f) We recommend that the Finance Committee use $50.00 in making contributions to visiting elders to defray their expenses in attending our Association.

(g) We recommend that the Circular Letter written by Elder Coy Sykes be printed in our Minutes.

(h We recommend that Elder H. J. Hill write the next circular letter.

(i- We recommend that the following Resolution be adopted:

"Resolved, that we reaffirm our recognition of the following independent churches: Clear Springs, Flat Shoals, Big Creek, Cedar Falls, Fairview and Red Bank.

"We find them to be worthy of our fellowship, communion and good will, acknowledging that they are orthodox in doctrine and practice, that they remain loyal to the Fisher's River Association. We require them, so long as they remain independent, to adhere to sound doctrine and practice, assent to our way and manner of conducting the business of our Association, to erect no bars against our corresponding associations, affiliate with no church, group, faction or association we have, for cause, declared to be in disorder and further, that they have no voice in the affairs of our Association as long as they remain independent. We respect their soverignity and their virtue and we feel charity requires us to afford them our fellowship. While we should welcome their petition for membership in our Association, we will not compel or force our independent churches to join us."

Listed are the elders of these churches:

Red Bank ..... Elder Harry Bowman
Clear Springs ....Elder Charlie Stevens, Elder Ellis Bullins
Flat Shoals ..... Elder Charlie Stevens
(Elder Coy Hawks, a member)
Cedar Falls ..... Elder Drew Mabe, Elder Glenn Cox
Big Creek ..... Elder Fletcher Beasley
(Elder Stevens, a member)
Fairview ..... Elder Dillard Gibbons, Elder Walter Hodge

(j) We recommend that the obituaries of Deacon Jake Badgett and Deacon S. R. (Dick) Gillespie and Deacon Lester Hawks be printed in our Minutes.

25. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Report and the recommendations of the Committee on Arrangements be adopted.

26. A motion was made and seconded to send correspondents to our corresponding associations on a voluntary basis. The motion was approved. Volunteering to attend sister associations were:

(a) **Washington Association:** Deacon Vestal Jones, Elder Dillard Gibbons, Elder Howard Hill, Elder J. A. Marion, Deacon Brady Pilson, Elder Coy Sykes.

(b) **Roaring River Associotion:** Deacan W. R. Coins, Elder Walden Stockner, Elder Dillard Gibbans, Deacan Brady Pilson, Elder Otis Rogers, Elder J. A. Marion, Deacon Vestal Jones, Deacon Ellis Jones, Elder J. H. Keaton, Elder Cay Sykes, Elder H. J. Hill, Elder Coy Stewart.

(c) **Piney Grove Associotion:** Elder Garnett Easter, Deacon Vestal Jones, Elder H. J. Hill, Deacon E. H. Taylor, Deacon W. R. Coins, Elder Willie Branch, Elder J. H. Keaton, Elder J. A. Marion, Elder Dillard Gibbons, Elder Coy Sykes, Elder Otis Rogers, Deacan Brady Pilson.

27. The Finance Committee reported receipts of $138.25.

28. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Association accommodate the publication af obituaries in the Minutes of lay members provided a fee of $5.00 is paid for the cost of printing.

29. A motion and secand were made that the Committee on Arrangements and the Finance Committee be discharged and that the Preaching Committee be discharged upon completion of its work. The motion was approved.

30. A motion was made, seconded and appraved that the Minute of the Day be read. The Minute of the Day was read by the Clerk.

31. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Minute of the Day be accepted.

S/ Elder Coy Sykes, Moderator

S/ Carroll Gardner, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Having been appointed to write the Circular Letter to be printed in our Association Minute, I don't know anything better to write about than Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who was born of a womon full of grace and truth — which was the type of the true church being delivered af her labors, as Israel was delivered out from under the law of sin and death and set free. When Jesus sets you free, you are free indeed!

The Son of God brought life where there was no life (of salvation).

If we are what we hope and profess to be, we have been brought from death unto life by the calling af God which is the delivering spirit of God. Being delivered by the gift of God's grace, then God (before) ordained that we should walk worthy of the calling wherein we have been called.

Not only did He give life that we might have life, but have it more abundantly, He went into (to His) death and shed His blood which cleansed us in the eyes of God and redeemed us back to God which is heaven after this (earthly) life. He is coming back for those far whom He shed His blood.

This mortal body will be raised in the likeness of the body of Jesus Christ to ever be in glory.

So, let us love one another while we live in this life, looking over one another for good, and not for evil.

Please let us stand in the good old way!

Search out the old paths and walk therein. We will find rest for our souls.

Your unworthy brother, in hope,
Coy S. Sykes

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday: As stated in the Minutes

Saturday: Elder H. J. Hill, Elder Otis Rogers, Elder Lester Barker, Elder John Calhoun, Elder Raleigh Jaines, others

Saturday Night at Little Vine: Elder Raymand Smith, Elder F. O. Sanders, Elder Drew Mabe, Elder Lester Barker, Brother Zack Wood

Sunday: Elder J. A. Marion, Elder F. O. Sanders, Elder Raleigh Joines, Elder H. J. Hill, Elder Otis Rogers, Elder J. H. Keaton, Elder Gammons, Elder Coy Sykes, Elder Willie Branch

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance on hand from 1970 session	$129.43
*Contributians from 1971 session	200.25
Fee for publication of obituary	5.00
Disbursements:	
Preparation of Minutes, 1970 session	$192.69
Disbursed by Finance Committee	50.00
Honorariums	50.00
Balance on hand	$ 41.99

*$62.00 was donated to the clerk from those in attendance ot the Association

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder Coy Stewart, 705 Ferndale Dr., Thomasville, N. C.
Elder Garnett Easter, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder J. I. Cruise, Madison Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Otis Rogers, Pinnacle, N. C.
Elder Dillard Gibbons, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C.
Elder Coy Sykes, 325 Worth St., Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Willie Branch, Rt. 1, Elkin, N. C.
Elder Claude Hutchens, Rt. 1, Elkin, N. C.
Elder Kenneth Hawks, 3915 Leo St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder D. E. Wood, Rt. 1, Lowgap, N. C.
Elder J. H. Keaton, Westfield, N. C.
Elder H. J. Hill, Hillsville, Va.
Elder Walden Stockner, Rt. 1, Box 120, Hillsville, Va.
Elder J. A. Marion, Ararat, N. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Union ..... Elders Willie Branch, H. J. Hill
Little Vine ..... Elders Willie Branch, Coy Sykes
Rock House ..... Elder Fletcher Beasley
Zion Hill ..... Elders H. J. Hill, Coy Sykes, D. E. Wood
Fellowship ..... Elders Walden Stockner, Garnett Easter
Liberty ..... Elders J. A. Marian, Willie Branch
Sandy Ridge ..... Elders J. I. Cruise, Cay Sykes, Garnett Easter
Pilat Mountain ..... Elders Dillard Gibbons, Otis Rogers, Garnett Easter
Mitchell's River ..... Elders Coy Stewart, Coy Sykes, D. E. Wood

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Sandy Ridge .....Mrs. Forest Easter, Rt. 5, Box 153, Mt. Airy, N. C. 50
Liberty .....Mrs. Bessie Pilson, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C. 25
Pilot Mtn. ..Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, Baux Mtn. Rd., Germanton, N. C. 25
Mitchell's R. .....Mrs. Elizabeth Sauthard, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C. 25
Union .....Mr. Carroll F. Gardner, Rt. 4, Box 553, Mt. Airy, N. C. 50
Little Vine .....Mrs. Hester Mitchell, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C. 75
Rock House .....Mr. W. R. Coins, Westfield, N. C. 50
Zion Hill .....Mr. Vestal Jones, Rt. 5, Box 218, Mt. Airy, N. C. 25
Fellowship .....Mrs. Minnie Stockner, Rt. 1, Box 120, Hillsville, Va. 25
Roading River .....Mr. John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C. 25
Washington A. .....Mr. Carlos Jackson, Navisdale, Va. 25
Piney Grove .....Mr. S. O. Shelton, Westfield, N. C. 25
Carroll F. Gordner, Assn. Clerk, Rt. 4, Box 553, Mt. Airy, N. C. 35
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ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I—Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after his own will; and that he, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible, and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, San and Holy Ghost, and that these three bear witness in earth: the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II—Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III—Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on His name: and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV—Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, thraugh sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprin-

kling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that none come to Christ only those whom he loved with an everlasting love, and due time calls to everlasting glory.

Article V—We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI—We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII—We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX—We believe the saints persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X—We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

Article XII—We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

Article XIII—We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderotor, till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections: but shall fairly state the case and matter, as nearly as he can, so as to convey his ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the association, without leave obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the association.
8. No member of the association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.
9. No member of the association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.
10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the association thinks proper.
12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.
13. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and sent to represent them in the association, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the association.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last association.

3. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the churches in the union.

4. The association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, and who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this association, who shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, and manifested by the moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

8. Every query presented by any member in the association, shall be received and answered according to the Scriptures.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

10. There shall be an association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the association shall be recorded, by the clerk appointed by the association.

11. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

12. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the association may think proper.

13. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

14. The association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion omong the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessory advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the association; (5) To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; (7) To admit any of our distant brethren into the association, as ossistants, who may be present ot the time of its sitting. If it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and convenient to the churches in this union.

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up ourselves to God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, to be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to him, to be at his disposal for his glory, taking him as our true guide ond only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptotion, and cor-

ruption; and to hold a continual worfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of his people. Under his covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other to bear one onother's burdens in the gospel, and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust is a part of his mystical body, according as we shall be directed by his Spirit in his word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord, believing that he will further and more gloriously open to us his word and the mysteries of his kingdom, — and to our Lord Jesus Christ, and our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

OBITUARY

Deacon Samuel Jacob (Jake) Bodgett was called from his labors in the moral kingdom on December 6, 1970, 88 years, 11 months and 3 days old.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Corena Woltz Badgett, two daughters, four sons, one stepson, seventeen grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

As he honored his parents, so honored he his own family.

His love for those near him was pure and unrestrained.

His love for his church is remembered in his many years of faithful stewardship. Brother Jake was blessed to serve Union Primitive Baptist Church for more than 60 years as a deacon, a record of service probably unequalled.

While we cherish the memory of this good man and suffer from his absence, we are content Brother Jake has received the fulfillment of the hope he nourished for more than 70 years. The favor he has found with God far transcends what men might do to honor Brother Joke. Brother Jake would have wanted nothing special, only a gravestone to mark the spot where he is now laid to rest, for he was on humble man.

We remember him for the things he thought most important in his life: the God he served so faithfully, the church he loved so perfectly, the hope of heaven he treasured so much, the affection and comforting presence of his wife, children and those related to him, the gospel he received ond enjoyed so thoroughly and the good will of his neighbors and friends.

As he was pure in heart, so shall he see God.

Adopted by the Church at Union, March 27, 1971

OBITUARY

S. R. (Dick) Gillespie was born February 6, 1890 and died September 13, 1970, living 79 years, 6 months and 7 days.

He was married to Metter Hedgecoe. To this union no child was born but they raised two good foster children.

He and his wife joined Little Vine Church in Surry County on November 22, 1931. He was ordained a deacon in 1933 and some time later was elected clerk and served in this position until his health gave way. He would walk through the heat and cold to help take care of the church. He had a good home and it was always open for his brothers, sisters and friends. We miss him so much. It grieves our hearts more than words can tell. The loss is great but our loss we believe is his eternal gain.

Approved by the Church June 12, 1971
S/ G. W. White

OBITUARY

In the twilight of evening on January 30, 1971, the death angel visited the Baptist Hospital and called our sweet sister, Annie Ruth Brooks Garris from this troublesome world. She was born February 10, 1928 to Hart and Ella Brooks, making her stay on earth 42 years, 11 months and 20 days.

On July 21, 1944, she was married to Eugene Garris. To this union was born three children — one son, Ronnie Gene Garris, two daughters, Verna Mae Garris Wall, Eden, N. C. and Retha Ann Garris Wilson, Ridgeway, Va. Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Mae Brooks Richardson and Mrs. Faye Brooks Garris and three grandchildren. She leaves a great number of friends to mourn her passing.

She was baptized into the faith and fellowship of Mitchell River Primitive Baptist Church August 23, 1958 and was a dear lover of her church and her brothers and sisters. Our loss which brings us much grief is her eternal gain.

A loved one from us is gone.
A voice we love is still.
A chair is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

Death breaks the family circle,
Fills many hearts with grief and pain,
But those that meet in heaven above
Will never, never part again.

Funeral services were conducted at Woodruff Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Coy Sykes, Elder Coy Stewart, Elder Howard Hill and Elder Raleigh Joines. The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Written by her sisters,
Mae Richardson
Faye Garris

OBITUARY

Deacon Lester Hawks completed his stewardship April 5, 1971. He served with honor and patient devotion.

He was 78 years old when he departed, survived by his wife, Arena Cagle Hawks, one half sister, three daughters, three sons, 29 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

Deacon Lester Hawks found a home with Sandy Ridge Primitive Baptist Church August 16, 1943 and was elevated to the post of deacon less than six months later. Although he knew "except the Lord keepeth the city, the watchman waketh in vain," he was a loyal and faithful watchman for his church, a man whose counsel was sought, sound and wise.

This man, as all men should, has left the legacy of a good name to those who bear his name, an inheritance greater than all earth's treasure. Infinitely more rewarding to him, however, was the revelation that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; from the moment of that revelation, Deacon Lester Hawks embraced a hope which gave his life a dimension of contentment and happiness unavailable in the market places of the world. His gratitude to God was marked by more than 27 years of faithful service.

We shall miss him. Yes, we shall miss him. God, grant that we may have more men like him.

By The Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Mo. of Communion	Sun. of Meeting	Experience	By Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Little Vine	Deacon George White, Bro. Poul Freeman, Brother Walter Nickols	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	78	$ 22.25
Rock House	Deacon W. R. Coins, Deacon Ellis Jones, Elder J. H. Keaton	9	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	43	15.00
Zion Hill	Deacon Benjamin Snow, Deacon Vestal Jones, Elder H. J. Hill	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	14	20.00
Fellowship	Elder Wolden Stockner, Deacon J. A. Bonks, Sister Minnie Stockner	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	10.00
Sandy Ridge	Deacon Cleaver Howks, Elder Gornett Easter, Deacon Troy Vernon	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	58	10.00
Liberty	Deacon Brady Pilson, Elder J. A. Marian, Brother Ray Poindexter	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	15.00
Pilot Mountain	Deacon E. H. Taylor, Elder Otis Rogers, Elder Dillard Gibbons	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	17	13.00
Mitchell River	Sister Elizabeth Southord, Sister Joyce Gibbons, Sister Euylon Stewort	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	12.00
Union	Deacon Tyre M. Simpson, Deacon Roy Mosley, Brother Carroll Gardner	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	48	21.00
	TOTAL			7	1	1	1	0	10	7	308	$138.25

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Fortieth Annual Session

OF THE

FISHER'S RIVER Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Little Vine Church

JULY 7, 8, and 9

1972

Next session convenes with Rock House Church, located approximately 4 miles east of Pilot Mountain or N. C. Highway 268, Friday, July 6, 1973.

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Proceedings

Of the One Hundred Fortieth Annual Session of the Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Church at Little Vine, Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina, July 7, 8 and 9th, 1972.

Services were introduced in the church during the morning, Friday, July 7th by Elder Donnie Wood by song and prayer. Elder Coy Sykes preached the introductory sermon. Text: Ephesians 1:2.

In the afternoon, the formal organization of the Association and the business of the Association were transacted as follows:

1. Elder Raleigh Joines was called upon to introduce services by song and prayer. Hymn No. 266 "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

2. Called for letters from the churches of the Association. All churches of the Association presented letters.

3. The moderator directed the clerk to read the letters from the several churches. Each letter was read.

4. Brother Sykes, our moderator, read a letter from Sister Lillie Southard of Mitchell River Church who could not be present due to illness asking for the prayers of the Association. Sister Lulo Johnson represented Mitchell River as alternate.

5. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the letters be received and the messengers of the several churches be received and seated as the Association.

6. The moderator then asked the Association to elect its officers.

7. A motion was made and secanded that Brother Willie Branch serve as Moderator Pro-Tem. The motion passed.

8. Elder Willie Branch inquired as to how the Association wanted to elect its officers. A motian was made and seconded, which passed, that the Association elect its officers by secret ballot as we had in the past. The Maderatar Pro-Tem then appointed Elder Stevens and Elder Raleigh Jaines to receive and to tabulate the ballat.

The messengers of the several churches were called and each approached the cammittee and whispered his choice for moderator and clerk. All churches were fully represented.

The committee announced the officers chasen by the Association:

Moderator ..... Elder Coy Sykes
Clerk ..... Carroll Gardner

9. The committees work finished, it was dissolved and Elder Coy Sykes was asked ta come forward ta serve as moderator for the Association.

Brother Sykes expressed his thanks to the Association, saying that he appreciated the confidence of the people and asked God to lead him in such a manner as ta walk with the people of the Fisher's River Assaciation, to pray with them and to rejoice with them. And he asked that we continue to labor for and to preserve the peace.

The clerk spoke a word or two thanking the peaple of the Association for their canfidence.

10. The moderatar asked the Association as to whether the Association wanted an assistant moderator or assistant clerk. No one seemed to feel the Association needed assistants and no move was made to elect assistants.

11. Brother Walter Hodge, Brother Harry Bowman and Brother Carl Stone were asked to serve the Association at the stand.

12. The moderator called for petitianary letters. There was none.

13. The maderator called for reparts of carrespondents af our Association who visited corresponding associations:

(a) Visiting the **Washington Association,** correspondents reported being seated, finding everything in peace and all were treated cordially, enjoyed their welcome and all reported a good association.

(b) Visiting the **Roaring River Association,** correspondents reported being seated and finding everything in peace. All reported a good association. All enjoyed the Association. Love and fellowship were manifested.

(c) Visiting the **Piney Grove Association,** correspondents reported being seated, finding everything in peace and all said they enjoyed the association.

14. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the reports of our correspondents be received.

15. Called for correspandence fram corresponding associations:

(a) **Washington Association.** Elder Raymond Smith asked to be received and seated as a correspondent.

(b) **Roaring River Association.** Elder Raleigh Joines, Brother Troy Miller and Deacon Clarence Hall asked to be received and seated as correspondents.

(c) **Piney Grove Association.** Elder Fred Slate, Elder Manie Stevens, Deacon Sanders Shelton, Deacon Moir Flippin and Brother Elyard Owens asked to be received and seated as correspondents.

16. Called for visitors from corresponding associations:

(a) **Washington Association.** Sisters Mory Smith, Viola Smith, Beulah Nunn, Mary Hamm and Essie Thomas asked to be received as visitors.

(b) **Roaring River Association.** Sisters Edna Joines and Gladys Miller asked to be received as visitors.

(c) **Piney Grove Association.** Elder Ray Flinchum, Brothers Weldon Mabe, George Flippin, Ralph Farris and Sisters Cloudine Flippin, Ettie Flippin, Lelia Collins, Addie Shelton, Vertis Simmons and Mazie Farris asked to be received as visitors.

All correspondents and visitors were asked to come forward and receive the right hand of fellowship. All came forward, were received, seated and welcomed to the Association.

17. A motion was made and seconded that the moderator make all temporary committee appointments. The motion possed unanimously.

The following committee oppointments were made by the moderator:

(a) **Committee on Arrangements** (to serve with the officers of the Association) Deacon Tyre Simpson, Deacon W. R. Coins, Elder Walden Stockner.

(b) **Committee on Finance,** Deacon Brady Pilson, Elder Dillard Gibbons, Brother Graham Mosley.

(c) **Committee on Preaching** (to serve with messengers of Little Vine Church), Deacon Bennie Snow, Deacon Cleaver Howks, Elder J. A. Marion.

18. The Minute of the Day was read. A motion was made and seconded that the Minute of the Day be received and the motion was approved.

The messengers agreed to meet at the stand to close services for the day.

The Committee on Arrangements agreed to meet in the church house after services at the stand were closed for the doy.

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1972

Before the second day's session was commenced, the Association came together with song and prayer.

19. The roll of the churches was called and all the messengers were present.

20. The Finance Committee began its work.

21. Called for additional correspondents from corresponding associations not present and received on Friday:

(a) **Washington Association.** Elders Lester Barker and Otis Fields, Brother (Licentiate) Ben Blevens, and Deacons Elbert Hess, Herbert Honaker and Quentin Dancey asked to be received and seated as correspondents.

(b) **Rooring River Association.** None answered.

(c) **Piney Grove Association.** None answered.

22. Called for additional visitors from corresponding associations:

(a) **Washington Association.** Brother Lewis Evens and Sisters Jo Ann Sturgill, Violet Blevins and Mable Dancey asked to be received as visitors.

(b) **Rooring River Association.** Brother Jim Richardson and Sister Mae Richardson asked to be received as visitors.

(c) **Piney Grove Association.** Deacon Andrew Bennett, Brother W. B. Shelton, and Sisters Pearl Bennett and Debbie Ramey asked to be received as visitors.

23. All additional correspondents and visitors were asked to come forward and receive the right hand of fellowship. All came forward, were received, seated and welcomed to the Association.

24. The Finance Committee reported contributions of $213.00 from the churches.

25. Called for the report of the Committee on Arrangements. The report was read by the clerk.

Report of Committee

(a) We recommend that the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum, The Constitution and the Covenant be printed in our Minute.

(b) We recommend that Rock House Church host the next session of the Association.

(c) We recommend that the moderator receive an honorarium of $30.00.

(d) We recommend that the Clerk have 350 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

(e) We recommend that the Association adopt a Resolution of thanks to God for His abundant and wonderful blessings and that the Association express its thanks to the brothers, sisters and kind friends for taking care of the Association.

(f) We recommend that the Finance Committee use $75.00 in making contributions to visiting elders to defray their expenses in attending the Association.

(g) We recommend that the Circular Letter written by Elder H. J. Hill be printed in our Minutes.

(h) We recommend that Elder Willie Branch write the next Circular Letter.

(i) We recommend that the obituary of Deacon McKinley Goad be printed in our Minutes.

(j) We recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

"Resolved, that we reaffirm our recognition of the following independent churches: Clear Springs, Flat Shoals, Big Creek, Cedar Falls, Fairview and Red Bank.

"We find them to be worthy of our fellowship, commu'nion and good will, acknowledging that they are orthodox in doctrine and practice, that they remain loyal to the Fisher's River Association. We require them, so long as they remain independent, to adhere to sound doctrine and practice, assent to our way and manner of conducting the business of our Association, to erect no bars against our corresponding associations, affiliate with no church, group, faction or association we have, for cause, declared to be in disorder and further, that they have no voice in the affairs of our Association as long as they remain independent. We respect their sovreignity and their virtue and we feel charity requires us to afford them our fellowship. While we should welcome their petition for membership in our Association, we will not compel or force our independent churches to join us."

Listed are the elders of these churches:

Red Bank ..... Elder Harry Bowman
(Elder Thaxton Gammons, a member)
Clear Springs .... Elder Charlie Stevens, Elder Ellis Bullins
Flat Shoals ..... Elder Charlie Stevens
Cedar Falls ..... Elder Drew Mabe, Elder Glenn Cox
Big Creek ..... Elder Fletcher Beasley
(Elder Stevens, a member)
Fairview ..... Elder Dillard Gibbons, Elder Walter Hodge
(Elder Roy Wilson, a member)

(k) We recommend that the clerk be authorized to print Hymn No. 266 in its entirety in the Minutes.

26. A motion was made and seconded that the report of the Committee on Arrangements be accepted and approved; the motion passed.

27. The moderator asked for volunteers to represent the Fisher's River Association at corresponding associations. Volunteering to go to —

(a) **Washington Association.** Elders H. J. Hill, J. A. Marion, Coy Sykes (Elder Willie Branch, alternate for Elder Coy Sykes) and Deacons Vestal Jones and Bennie Snow.

(b) **Rooring River Association.** Elders J. H. Keaton, Dillard Gibbons, Garnett Easter, Walden Stockner, H. J. Hill, Otis Rogers and Coy Sykes and Deacons Vestal Jones, Bennie Snow, W. R. Coins and Ellis Jones.

(c) **Pine Grove Association.** Elders Dillard Gibbons, J. A. Marion, Otis Rogers, J. H. Keaton, Coy Stewart, H. J. Hill and Deacons W. R. Coins, Vestal Jones, Ellis Jones and Tyre Simpson.

28. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the clerk be authorized to print dates, times and places corresponding associations are held.

29. The moderator asked whether anyone desired to have the publication of an obituary of a lay member made in our Minutes. No request was made.

30. The Association agreed that the churches only of the Association should request the publication of the obituary of a lay member.

31. A motion was made and seconded that the Finance Committee, the Committee on Arrangements be discharged and that the Preaching Committee be discharged upon completion of its work. The motion was approved.

32. The status of the old Fishers River Church was discussed. A deed was found of record purporting to convey the property to the Fisher's River Primitive Baptist Association. The Association agreed that the legal title to the property should be checked by the clerk and a report be made to the next session of the Association.

33. A motion was made and seconded that the Minute of the Day be read and the motion was approved. The Minute of the Day was read and a motion was made, seconded and passed that the Minute of the Day be accepted. The work of the Association was closed by song and prayer by Elder J. A. Marion.

S/ Elder Coy Sykes, Moderator
S/ Carroll Gardner, Clerk

HYMN NO. 266

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,
   The house of thine abode;
   The church our blest Redeemer saved
   With his own precious blood.
   I love thy church, O God;
   Her walls before thee stand,
   Dear as the apple of thine eye,
   And graven on thy hand.
2. For her my tears shall fall;
   For her my prayers ascend;
   To her my cares and toils be given
   Till cares and toils shall end.
   Beyond my highest joy
   I prize her heavenly ways;
   Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
   Her hymns of love and praise.
3. Jesus, thou friend divine,
   Our Savior and our King,
   Thy hand, from every snare and foe,
   Shall great deliverance bring.
   Sure as thy truth shall last,
   To Zion shall be given
   The brightest glories earth can yield,
   And brighter bliss of heaven.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Fisher's River Association:

Being appointed to write the circular letter for this, the One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Session, I will try to be submissive to the will of the brethren.

I realize my weakness and inability to write anything that would be of any benefit to God's dear children unless the God of Heaven leads my mind. I look to the One whence all my help cometh with fear and trembling. I start as an empty vessel, hoping that it will be the Lord that will enable me to write something that will build up and strengthen, rather than to tear down and destroy God's people.

"Therefore, I beseech thee that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called, with meekness and long suffering, forebearing one another in love."

Let us keep the unity of the spirit, or endeavor to do so, in the bonds of peace. There is but one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith and one baptism.

Let us fear God, the Father of us all. He is above all and in us all if we are what we hope to be. To everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Now, my dear brethren, if we, who have been brought out of nature's darkness into the marvelous light and liberty of His dear Son, and having been given a gift, be it small or large, by Jesus Himself, then just what do we have to boast of? Why so much jealousness which is more cruel than the grave? Why be ye like children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind and doctrine?

Preach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus in love without fear of any man! Jesus said, "I am the life and I am the resurrection!" I believe—hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may!

Jeremiah, 6:16. "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and seek and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Proverbs, 22:28. "Remove not the ancient landmark which they fathers have set."

I believe in order, practice and doctrine. I hope when my journey is finished here on earth that it can be said that I fought a good fight and kept the faith to the end.

Your unworthy brother, in hope,
(Elder) H. J. Hill

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday: As stated in Minutes

Saturday Morning: Elder H. J. Hill, Elder Raymond Smith, Elder Manie Stevens, Elder Weldon Mabe, Elder Fred Slate, Elder Raleigh Jones, Elder Garnett Easter.

Saturday Afternoon: Elder Otis Fields, Elder Lester Barker, Elder Ben Blevins, Elder J. H. Keaton, Elder Dillard Gibbons.

Saturday Night (At the Church): Elder H. J. Hill, Elder Ben Blevins, Elder Raymond Smith, Elder J. A. Marion.

Sunday Morning: Elder Willie Branch, Elder Fletcher Peasley, Elder Leonard Simmons, Elder Walden Stockner, Elder Drew Mabe.

Sunday Afternoon: Elder John Calhoun, Elder Victor Church, Elder Ray Flinchum, Elder Thaxton Gammons, Elder Coy Sykes.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance on hand from 1971 Session	$ 41.99
*Contributions, 1972 session	244.00
Disbursements:	
Preparation of Minutes, 1971 Session	$238.45
Disbursed by Finance Committee, 1972 Session	75.00
Honorariums	30.00
Balance/deficit	57.46

*$30.00 was donated to the clerk from those in attendance at the Association

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder Coy Stewart, 705 Ferndale Dr., Thomasville, N. C.
Elder Garnett Easter, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder J. I. Cruise, Madison Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Otis Rogers, Pinnacle, N. C.
Elder Dillard Gibbons, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C.
Elder Coy Sykes, 325 Worth St., Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Willie Bronch, Rt. 1, Elkin, N. C.
Elder Claude Hutchens, Rt. 1, Elkin, N. C.
Elder Kenneth Hawks, 3915 Leo St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder D. E. Wood, Rt. 1, Lowgap, N. C.
Elder J. H. Keaton, Westfield, N. C.
Elder H. J. Hill, Hillsville, Va.
Elder Walden Stockner, Rt. 1, Box 120, Hillsville, Va.
Elder J. A. Marion, Ararat, N. C.

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Union ..... Elders Willie Branch, H. J. Hill
Little Vine ..... Elders Willie Branch, Coy Sykes
Rock House ..... Elder Fletcher Beasley
Zion Hill ..... Elders H. J. Hill, Coy Sykes, D. E. Wood
Fellowship ..... Elders Walden Stockner, Garnett Easter
Liberty ..... Elders J. A. Marion, Willie Branch
Sandy Ridge ..... Elders J. I. Cruise, Coy Sykes, Garnett Easter
Pilot Mountain ..... Elders Dillard Gibbons, Otis Rogers, Garnett Easter
Mitchell's River ..... Elders Coy Stewart, Coy Sykes, D. E. Wood

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Sandy Ridge .....Mrs. Forest Easter, Rt. 5, Box 153, Mt. Airy, N. C.....45
Liberty .....Mrs. Bessie Pilson, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.....15
Pilot Mtn. ..Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, Baux Mtn. Rd., Germanton, N. C.....15
Mitchell's River .....Mrs. Elizabeth Southard, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C.....15
Union .....Mr. Carroll F. Gardner, Rt. 4, Box 553, Mt. Airy, N. C.....50
Little Vine .....Mrs. Hester Mitchell, Rt. 1, Dobson, N. C.....80
Rock House .....Mr. W. R. Coins, Westfield, N. C.....50
Zion Hill .....Mr. Vestal Jones, Rt. 5, Box 218, Mt. Airy, N. C.....15
Fellowship .....Mrs. Minnie Stockner, Rt. 1, Box 120, Hillsville, Va.....15
Roaring River .....Mr. John D. Hall, 278 South St., Elkin, N. C..... 5
Washington Assn. .....Mr. Carlos Jackson, Navisdale, Va.....25
Piney Grove .....Mr. S. O. Shelton, Westfield, N. C.....10
Carroll F. Gardner, Assn. Clerk, Rt. 4, Box 553, Mt. Airy, N. C.....10
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ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I—Of God and the Holy Trinity.

We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after his own will; and that he, who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge and goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible, and unchangeable; and that this God has revealed himself in his word under the character of Father, San and Holy Ghost, and that these three bear witness in earth: the water, the spirit and the blood, and that these three agree in one.

Article II—Of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men and women.

Article III—Of the Atonement.

We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now, or ever will believe on His name: and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth his praise.

Article IV—Of Foreknowledge, Election and Predestination.

We believe that (all) whom God did foreknow he did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; that God elected according to his foreknowledge, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprin-

kling of the blood of Jesus Christ, all who are finally saved, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and thot none come to Christ only those wham he loved with an everlasting love, and due time calls to everlasting glary.

Article V—We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article VI—We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

Article VII—We believe thot sinners are justified in the sight af God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article VIII—We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Article IX—We believe the soints persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article X—We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of ardinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Article XI—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and o general judgment.

Article XII—We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlosting.

Article XIII—We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ardinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The moderator and clerk shall be chasen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall orise from his seat and address the moderator.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the moderator, till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect an the person who spake before, so as to make remorks on his slips, failings or imperfections: but shall fairly state the case and matter, as nearly as he can, so as to convey his ideos.
6. No person sholl abruptly break off, or absent himself from the association, without leave obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the association.
8. No member of the associotion shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech.
9. No member of the assaciation shall address another in any other appellation than thot of brother.
10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech nor prohibit him fram speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he breaks the rules of this decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and colled over as often as the association thinks proper.
12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as other members, provided the chair be filled.
13. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any af these rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think praper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The association shall be compased of members chasen by the different churches in our unian, and sent to represent them in the associotion, who shall be members best qualified for that purpose; and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled ta seats; but no church shall have more than three representatives in the associatian.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since the last association.

3. The members thus chosen and received shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they use any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the churches in the union.

4. The association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, and who shall be chasen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches moy be admitted into this associotion, wha shall petition by letter and messengers; and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, and manifested by the maderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled ta representation in the association.

8. Every query presented by any member in the association, shall be received and answered according to the Scriptures.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

10. There shall be an association book kept, wherein the proceedings of the association shall be recorded, by the clerk appointed by the association.

11. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

12. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when the association may think proper.

13. We hold no fellowship with any secret order.

14. The association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union af the churches; (2) To preserve inviolable a chain of communion amang the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire inta the couse why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the association; (5) To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business which it sees necessary; (6) To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this association, or deviate from the orthodox principles af religion; (7) To admit any of our distant brethren into the association, as assistants, who may be present at the time of its sitting. If it shall think necessary; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and convenient to the churches in this union.

COVENANT

We do now in the presence of Almighty God, and in the faith of the gospel, and by the help of divine grace, unreservedly and unitedly give up aurselves to God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, ta be for Him and no other; freely submitting ourselves to him, to be at his disposal for his glory, taking him as our true guide and only portion, promising by the help of divine grace to watch against sin, temptation, and cor-

ruption; and to hold a continual worfare with the same, looking to Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith, and the only hope and surety of his people. Under his covenant of grace, we do now freely and joyfully give ourselves to one another by the will of God, freely covenanting and engaging to and with each other to bear one another's burdens in the gospel, and so fulfill the law of Christ unto obedience, promising to watch over one another in love and to hold communion together in the ordinances of the gospel, submitting ourselves in this, which we trust is a part of his mystical body, according as we shall be directed by his Spirit in his word; and by the help of divine grace to still pray for more light from the Lord, believing that he will further and more gloriously open to us his word and the mysteries of his kingdom, — and to our Lord Jesus Christ, and our only Savior, to whom be glory forever and forever. Amen.

OBITUARY

Brother McKinley Goad, aged 75 years, a devoted member and deacon of Fellowship Church, passed away at his home March 20, 1972. For the post few years, he had been in ill health, but he bore all of his suffering with patience.

Brethren, we cannot express ourselves adequately regarding this dear brother. The church has lost a foithful member and the community and county one of its best citizens. He leaves a vacant seat in the church, a lonesome home, a lonely widow, five children, four sisters, one brother and a host of relatives and friends to maurn their loss.

What we write or say will not add or detract from his way and manner of life. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord! From henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Written by the church clerk; approved by Fellowship Church

DATES, PLACES, CHURCHES OF NEXT SESSIONS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS

Fisher's River Association. Friday before second Sunday in July, 1973; Rock House Church, approximately 4 miles east of Pilot Mountain, N. C. in Stokes Caunty, on Highway No. 268.

Roaring River Associotion. Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1973 at Cross Roads Church, 6 miles north of North Wilkesboro, N. C. in Wilkes County, on Highway No. 18.

Washington Associotion. Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1973 at Sandy Basin Church neor Haysi on Highway No. 83 in Dickenson County, Virginia.

Piney Grove Association. Fridoy before the second Sunday in May, 1973, at Piney Grove Church between Francisco Community and Danbury in Stokes County, N. C. off Highway No. 89.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Mo. of Communion	Sun. of Meeting	Experience	By Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Rock House	Deacon W. R. Coins, Deacon Ellis Jones, Elder J. H. Keaton	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	44	$ 20.00
Zion Hill	Deocon Vestal Jones, Deacon Benjamin Snow, Elder H. J. Hill	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	44.00
Fellowship	Elder Walden Stockner, Deacon J. A. Banks, Sister Minnie Stockner	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	13	15.00
Sandy Ridge	Deacon Cleaver Hawks, Elder Garnett Easter, Brother William Marion	8	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	20.00
Liberty	Deacon Brady Pilson, Elder J. A. Marion, Brother Ray Poindexter	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	25.00
Pilot Mountain	Deacon E. H. Taylor, Elder Otis Rogers, Elder Dillard Gibbons	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	9.00
Mitchell River	Elder Coy Stewart, Sister Joyce Gibbons, Sister Elizabeth Southard	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	26.00
Union	Deacon Tyre Simpson, Deacon Ray Mosley, Brother Graham Mosley	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	48	25.00
Little Vine	Elder Willie Branch, Deacon George White, Brother Paul Freeman	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	75	30.00
	TOTAL			9	1	0	1	0	2	10	303	$214.00